



Qualification Guidance

ASA Levels 1 & 2 Certificate in Teaching Aquatics

Level 1

This qualification is designed for candidates who wish to work in the aquatic environment. Evidence to meet the criteria for the qualification must be generated through observed performance. Simulations are not acceptable.

The ASA/UKCC Level 1 Certificate for Teaching Aquatics is the first formally assessed qualification on the teaching qualifications pathway. Unit 1 is a common unit to all of the aquatic strands (Teaching Aquatics, Diving, Swimming Coaching, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo) and focuses on “how to teach/coach” skills. The qualification has a technical emphasis on movement literacy as defined by Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). Unit 2 focuses on aquatic teaching, technical knowledge and practical skills.

The qualification should be delivered using a combination of theory and practice throughout Units 1 and 2. Unit 1 should be completed before candidates progress to Unit 2.

Pre-requisites/Entry Requirements - Candidates must be at least 16 years of age at the start of the learning programme.

Assessment

Unit 1 is assessed by the tutor/assessor.

Unit 2 is assessed by both the tutor/assessor and an examination. The examination is set and marked by the ASA Awarding Body.

All units will be subject to internal verification by the Centre’s Internal Verifier.

All programmes will be subject to external verification by the ASA Awarding Body.

Certificates - will be issued to candidates by the Awarding Body upon successful achievement of both units.

The Awarding Body is unable to issue certificates for candidates whose registration fees have not been paid.

Progression - Achievement of this qualification will enable the candidate to seek employment to act as an assistant/support to a more senior qualified/licensed Aquatic teacher at any level, in the delivery of a pre-prepared session.

As Unit 1 is common to all the Level 1 ASA/UKCC qualifications, candidates wishing to progress to a Level 1 coaching discipline may do so by undertaking Unit 2 of the relevant coaching discipline.

Candidates, after gaining experience, may progress to the Level 2 Certificate in Teaching Aquatics qualification.

Level 2

The qualification is designed for candidates who wish to work in the aquatic environment. Evidence to meet the criteria for the qualification must be generated through observed performance. Simulations are not acceptable.

The ASA/UKCC Level 2 Certificate for Teaching Aquatics is the second formally assessed qualification on the teaching qualifications pathway. The qualification consists of 6 units. It is designed to be delivered and assessed using a combination of theory and practice throughout Units 1 - 5. Unit 6 is a practical unit, assessed as part of the programme/course or as work placement.

Units 1 – 3 are common to all of the aquatic strands (Teaching Aquatics, Diving, Swimming Coaching, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo) and focuses on “how to teach/coach” skills.

Pre-requisite/Entry Requirements

- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age at the commencement of the learning programme.

And hold one of the following qualifications

- ASA/UKCC Level 1 Certificate for Teaching Aquatics
- ASA Level 1 Certificate for Teaching Swimming post 2002
- ASA Assistant Teacher Certificate (Swimming) post Sept 1994
- STA (Swimming Teachers Association) Certificate post Sept 1994
OR
- Have been granted an exemption by the ASA Awarding Body prior to enrolment on the learning programme

Assessment

Units 1 and 4 – are assessed through an examination set and marked by the Awarding Body.

Units 2, 3 and 5 – are assessed by the tutor/assessor through observation, oral questioning and evidence recorded in the candidates’ logbook. The tutor responsible for the delivery and assessment of Unit 5 must also assess candidates’ competence in Unit 6.

Unit 6 – is assessed by the tutor/assessor who should hold an A1 or D32, 33 Assessor Award (or have enrolled on an A1 programme and is anticipating achieving this Award within a year of enrolment). This is a vocational unit and the evidence for this must be generated in the vocational area.

The tutor/assessor is fully responsible for assessing candidates’ competence.

Progression

Achievement of this qualification may enable the candidate to secure employment (paid or voluntary) as a Teacher of Aquatics utilising the ASA National Plan for Teaching Swimming (NPTS) or equivalent scheme.

As Units 1 to 3 are common to all the aquatic disciplines, candidates wishing to progress to a Level 2 Coaching discipline may do so by undertaking Units 4 to 6 in that discipline, providing they have already achieved Unit 2 of the relevant ASA/UKCC Level 1 qualification or have been granted an exemption by the Awarding Body.