

University of Mississippi Scientific Diver Requirements

All scientists planning to engage in SCUBA diving activities must comply with the University of Mississippi (UM) diving policy. This includes providing all of the requested paperwork as outlined below. UM is a conditional organizational member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) and therefore recognizes AAUS DCB requirements. The following checklist details the paperwork required to dive through UM. **Failure to produce the required documents will result in the denial of diving privileges. Please read carefully.**

AAUS diver:

- current reciprocity form completed and signed by home Diving Safety Officer (DSO)
- proof of current DAN membership and insurance (or equivalent)

Non-AAUS diver:

- UM Medical Evaluation of Fitness for SCUBA Diving – to be completed by physician familiar with diving medicine; a diving medical is current for 5 years if under the age of 40, 3 years if over the age of 40, and 2 years if over the age of 60
- diving certification card from recognized agency
- proof of current CPR training
- proof of current first aid training
- proof of current DAN membership and insurance (or equivalent)
- proof of regulator maintenance within last 12 months – sales receipt or letter of inspection from authorized service technician or facility
- logged proof of 12 dives within last 12 months – those that do not meet this requirement will be permitted to dive at the discretion of the DSO, and may be required to complete additional supervised dives prior to approval

It is also highly recommended that UM scientific divers have basic diving accident management and oxygen administration training. Proof of additional training or certifications (boat operation, nitrox diving, etc.) are useful documents.

Additional information about the UM Diving Safety Policies can be found in a document housed on the UM Health & Safety homepage: http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/environmental_safety/diving/index.html