

Policy Statement & Objectives

The Inspectorate for Diving Equipment Servicing and Testing (IDEST) was set up in 1985 with the view to providing an independent assessment of Test Centres and Technicians to prove that they are working to the appropriate British Standards.

The checks are carried out by highly qualified, impartial and independent inspectors who check the equipment, personnel, documentation and records of the Test Centre. Those meeting the standard are given IDEST Approval and are awarded an Approval Certificate and the use of a unique IDEST Test Centre stamp, as detailed in the IDEST leaflet 'Testing of Diving Cylinders'.

In order to ensure that all Test Centres are working to the same standards and interpreting them uniformly, IDEST Test Centres and those Technicians seeking approval, all work to the IDEST Code of Practice, currently CP11:2011 and are re-examined tri-annually. In the intervening years Test Centres provide a self-declaration confirming that their equipment and procedures have not changed and that all calibration certificates are current.

The IDEST Scheme Committee reviews and maintains all procedures, documentation, standards and Inspector training annually or sooner if required.

IDEST works as the technical arm of the Scuba Industries Trade Association (SITA) with the main responsibility of inspecting and assessing Cylinder Test Centres and certifying Cylinder Test Technicians to National (UKAS) standards.

IDEST currently enjoys the support of the major Diver training agencies (BSAC, PADI, SSI, and SAA) as well as the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT) and Luxfer Cylinders Ltd., its efforts have long been acknowledged by the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Signed: 
Chairman

Date: ...01 Dec 2021.....

Signed: 
Chief Engineer

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