

**Scuba Industries Trade Association Ltd**  
**. trading as IDEST**

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## **How to become and maintain IDEST certified technician status**

To undertake the inspection of breathing gas cylinders a period of recognised training is required. This will be undertaken at various recommended training facilities that have been approved, by IDEST, to carry out cylinder Periodic Inspection and Tests (PIATs) where:

The candidate will be given one of our Starter Packs and learn about

- The Codes of Practice, International Standards relevant to the testing of cylinders.
- The internal paperwork required to facilitate the inspection
- The equipment that is needed to conduct these operations.
- Which premises a certified technician is able to operate in after obtaining our certification.

After a period of training the candidate will be assessed in an existing approved workshop by one of the IDEST Inspectors.

- The IDEST inspector will monitor the candidate demonstrating that he has grasped the operation of preparing the cylinder to be inspected. The actual work will be closely observed throughout the monitoring process.
- The candidate will then be asked to demonstrate that he understands and can demonstrate that he can test a cylinder satisfactorily.
- The candidate will be asked pertinent and important questions regarding each part of the inspection process.
- The assessing inspector will after the assessment, debrief the candidate and give any recommendations that would need to be carried out before actual certification could be awarded.
- The assessing inspector will produce a report giving the outcome of the assessment and where appropriate recommending, if successful, the award of a certificate confirming competence.
- This report will be independently reviewed by IDEST and a certificate awarded. This certificate is valid for three years and then a re-inspection must be undertaken.
- An appeal process against any non-award of certification is available on the website.
- Candidates have the opportunity to declare, within reason, a request for accommodation of special needs during the periods of training and assessment.

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