

2.2 Qualified Diver Assessment Standard: Part B - Practical Test

2.2.1 The Practical Test must be carried out at a diving site with good visibility and a clear bottom, with a minimum depth of three metres. A means of restricting the vision of the candidate to simulate zero visibility diving, a free-flowing breathing set and a breathing set with a flooding second stage plus any other items deemed appropriate to be supplied by the examiner.

2.2.2 Full kit as chosen by the candidate for UK cave diving must be worn. Full kit shall include two independent breathing sets containing sufficient gas for the completion of the test (examiner to provide guidance to the candidate) and a buoyancy compensator or dry suit or both.

2.2.3 Demonstrate pre-dive checks and calculate thirds.

2.2.4 Lay a tagged line for fifty metres using a variety of belaying techniques, belay the end and survey "home" whilst demonstrating good buoyancy control and trim, good finning technique and the ability to change between breathing sets.

2.2.5 Lay a branch line of 10M, from the main line using appropriate belays having previously marked the main line with a home tag.

2.2.6 Demonstrate the ability to follow a line when not wearing a mask.

2.2.7 In simulated zero visibility conditions demonstrate the ability to control a failed regulator due to:

A damaged or clogged exhaust port by purging the regulator for each breath.

A free-flowing regulation by turning the cylinder tap on and off for each breath and also to give a controlled slow free flow so as to free both hands.

2.2.8 In simulated zero visibility conditions demonstrate how to deal with a complete failure of a the breathing set being used.

2.2.9 In simulated zero visibility, demonstrate the use of a search reel to regain the main line in the event that it is lost and or broken (examiners discretion).

2.2.10 In simulated zero visibility conditions demonstrate to the examiner's satisfaction the ability to clear a line entanglement.

2.2.11 Reel in the main and branch lines back to "home".