

A firefighter in full gear, including a helmet and breathing apparatus, is carrying a young child in a fire scene. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt with black stars and dark pants with a red heart pattern. The background is filled with bright orange and yellow flames, creating a dramatic and urgent atmosphere. The firefighter's face is partially visible through the clear visor of the breathing apparatus.

**You wouldn't enter fire without
breathing apparatus**

**Water should be no
different.**

According to NFPA, a firefighter is four times more likely to lose their life in a water rescue than in structural firefighting.

Host an **SWBA® Instructor Course** and be part of revolutionizing rescuer safety.

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What is SWBA® and the associated training levels?

Swiftwater Breathing Apparatus are adapted Compressed Air Emergency Breathing Systems, for use in flood and swiftwater environments as surface-level respiratory protection to prevent asphyxiation from water. The concept and associated doctrine was developed by Dr. Steve Glassey, an international award winning swiftwater rescue instructor.

SWBA® is not used for diving and always used in conjunction with a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) to prevent diving. They are used generally on-demand to undertake short critical tasks such as swimming through dangerous water or improve survival if trapped.

There are four levels of SWBA® training:

- **SWBA Awareness** is a person who has completed only the online learning and examination (90 minutes) but must not be considered qualified to operate SWBA.
- **SWBA Operator** is a person who has completed swiftwater rescue technician and diver certification, and has completed the online learning and examination.
- **SWBA Specialist** is an operator who then undertakes practical training (1-2 hours) including a skills check with a certified instructor.
- **SWBA Instructor** is an specialist who is also qualified to teach the SWBA specialist practicum.

As Awareness and Operator levels can be achieved online (awareness) and online with verification of swiftwater and dive credentials (operator), SWBA® Instructors teach and certify users at the Specialist level.



What is a SWBA® Instructor?

As a Swiftwater Breathing Apparatus (SWBA®) Instructor, you will be at the forefront of improving flood and swiftwater rescuer safety through providing certified practical instruction in type-approved SWBA® products. You will be able to:

- Facilitate access to official SWBA® online learning to remote students
- Deliver face-to-face training to students and demonstrations to agencies
- Instruct short practical courses to certify SWBA® Specialists
- Conduct annual skills checks and periodic recertification of SWBA® Specialists
- Be recognised as a local Subject Matter Expert for the agency implementation of SWBA®.



How do I become an SWBA® Instructor?

You need to meet the requirements in the *Good Practice Guideline: Swiftwater Breathing Apparatus*, including:

- Swiftwater Instructor with Rescue Diver certification; or
- Divemaster with Swiftwater Technician (Advanced) certification; **and**
- Completion of SWBA® Instructor course* (16 hours); **and**
- Sign an SWBA® Instructor agreement (non-compete, intellectual property protection, code of conduct).

The completion of the SWBA® Instructor course generally requires candidates to deliver at least two SWBA® Specialist courses (approximately 2-3 hours each) under supervision.

**Some countries also require additional regulatory certification as an occupational or commercial diver.*



What do we need to host a SWBA® Instructor Course?

We can generally run the Instructor Course anywhere in the world, subject to local regulatory requirements and:

- Minimum of four instructor candidates (we operate a 1:6 instructor/student ratio)
- Access to safe Grade 2-3/Class II-III flow (artificial or natural)
- Equipment typical of that required for a swiftwater technician course
- Air-filling (decanter or compressor) access to dive quality standard
- Two small cohorts of SWBA® Operators ready to undertake Specialist training
- Course Fee: \$ POA

What resources are available to me as a SWBA® Instructor

As a certified SWBA® Instructor and while you maintain such certification, you will have a range of resources to help you champion the adoption and implementation of this new concept including:

- QR code verifiable SWBA® Instructor certificate
- Permission to use the SWBA® trademark and logo on approved materials
- Discount on bulk purchase of SBWA® online learning coupons
- Access to and engagement in the revision of the *Good Practice Guideline*
- Access to templates such as Risk Analysis Management System (RAMS) for SWBA® Specialist
- Purchase of SWBA® patches and mounting systems for students
- Discount on the purchase of class sets of SWBA® devices from approved suppliers
- Listing of your contact details on the SWBA® webpage (optional)
- Stock photographs and sample social media images to use for your own marketing

You will need to certify at least 20 students per year and maintain your swiftwater and dive certifications to remain active and continue to use the SWBA® trademark and logo. You (or your agency) must also maintain your own insurance for SWBA® activities.

There is no annual fee payable, but you will either have students pay directly for their online theory or you can purchase online learning coupons directly on their behalf.



Ready to host a SWBA® Instructor Course?

If you are ready to become a SWBA® Instructor or host the SWBA® Instructor Course, contact us for further information. We will provide a quote based on location, dates and the number of students requiring certification.

We recommend that you complete the SWBA® online course to ensure you understand the application and limitations of the system before you consider becoming a SWBA® Instructor.

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Or scan the QR code below for further information.



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