

9.6 CMAS-ISA 4 STAR DIVER CERTIFICATE CMAS EQUIVALENT – 4 STAR DIVER

9.6.1 OBJECTIVE

To supply the individual diver with a framework of requirements to enable him/her to comply with the requirement of this advanced diving qualification.

9.6.2 SYLLABUS

1. The candidate has to obtain advanced knowledge and experience to enable him/her to submit a thesis related to diving.
2. The candidate has to accumulate additional knowledge and experience in practical course to comply with the requirements.

9.6.3 PREREQUISITES

1. Must be at least 18 years old.
2. Must have at least 5 years continuous membership of CMAS-ISA, a SAUU affiliated Club, School or Association.
3. Must have served on a Club or Provincial Committee for at least a year in one or more of the following capacities.

President/Chairman	Scuba Competitions Officer
Treasurer	Scuba Records Officer
Secretary	Medical Officer
Scuba training Officer	Equipment Officer
4. The candidate must have held a CMAS-ISA 3 Star Master Diver Certificate for at least 2 years.
5. Must have logged at least 100 hours of varied scuba diving.
6. Must submit a medical certificate clearing the holder as fit to participate in the sport of underwater diving. A medical practitioner using the CMAS-ISA Sport Diver medical examination form, must have carried out the medical examination not more than 12 months previously.
7. The candidate has the choice of obtaining his/her certificate by either submitting a thesis or going the practical route by obtaining certificates in the extra courses mentioned below. A minimum of 12 points is required for either route.

7a)

THE THESIS ROUTE:

- i. The candidate must register the thesis with the CMAS-ISA Executive Council before starting to work on it. Upon completion, the candidate must submit 8 copies to the CMAS-ISA Executive Council of the thesis, being of an acceptable and suitably high standard on some aspect closely related to diving, in which personal diving involvement is highlighted. CMAS-ISA shall then become the owner of said thesis and holds the right to publish the thesis, in part or in whole, after certification has been issued. The exception here shall be the submittal of a Diver Training manual as a thesis.
- ii. The subject shall not have been used for any previous academic qualification.
- iii. The thesis shall be of a length of at least 25 000 typewritten characters (\pm 10 typewritten pages).
- iv. The thesis will be awarded points by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council as follows:
 - The total value of the thesis is 20 points.
 - The content of the thesis will be 14 points and the presentation 6 points.
 - In order for the thesis to be accepted the overall average points allocated by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council shall be 12 or more.
 - If the thesis average is 7 – 11, additional 6 points must be accrued in adding qualifying courses from the practical route.

- If the thesis average is 6 or less, then the thesis will be accepted as the report required under the practical route to obtain this qualification.

7b)

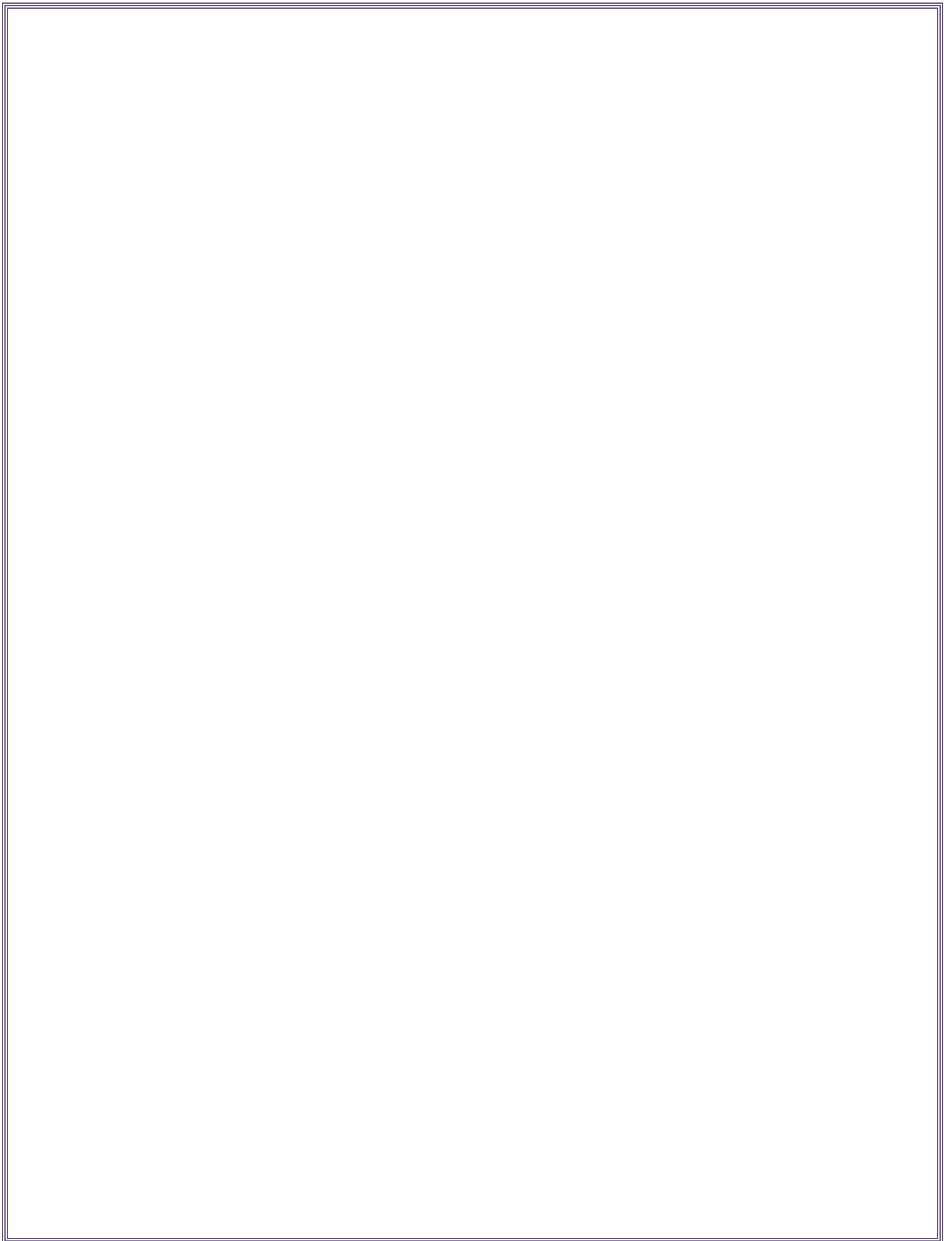
THE PRACTICAL ROUTE:

The candidate must submit the following:

- i. A complete report on any subject or project concerned with diving in which the candidate was involved. The report must be evaluated and endorsed a referee appointed by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council.
- ii. The report must be of a length of at least 7 500 typewritten characters.
- iii. Proof of the successful issue of any of the following certificates to accrue 12 points:
 - CMAS-ISA Three Star Instructor 4 points
 - CMAS-ISA Two Star Instructor 3 points
 - CMAS-ISA Cave Diver Zone III 3 points
 - CMAS-ISA Trimix Diver 3 points
 - CMAS-ISA Decompression Chamber Operator 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Service Technician/Nitrox Blender/Trimix Blender 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Cave Diver Zone II 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Advanced Nitrox Diver 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Wreck Diver II 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Divemaster 2 points
 - CMAS-ISA Compressor Operator 1 point
 - CMAS-ISA Cavern Diver 1 point
 - CMAS-ISA Nitrox Diver 1 point
 - CMAS-ISA Wreck Diver I 1 point
 - CMAS-ISA Oxygen Administration 1 point
8. Must submit 8 copies of a C.V. to the CMAS-ISA Executive Council of his/her personal diving career (approx. 3,000 words) together with either a thesis or proof of the practical route as described in 7a & 7b above.
9. The CMAS-ISA Executive Council reserves the right to require the candidate to present himself/herself for an oral examination should they deem it necessary
10. The CMAS-ISA Executive Council will inform the candidate whether his/her application for the 4 Star Diver qualification was successful or not. This letter of approval must be submitted with the application for the certificate.
11. The candidate must satisfy the CMAS-ISA Executive Council that he/she is a worthy recipient of the CMAS-ISA 4 Star Diver certificate. Their support and approval must therefore also be endorsed on the certificate record card before application.
12. After approval by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council, the candidate must apply for the certificate through the referee appointed by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council.

NOTE: Thesis topics have to be registered with the CMAS-ISA Executive Council in advance and must be approved by them. Some indication of the proposed content must be submitted with the application for registration. The CMAS-ISA Executive Council will appoint a mentor/referee for the candidate.

The prerequisites mentioned above are the minimum required for the CMAS-ISA Four Star Diver Certificate.



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Note :- Complete this form before applying for your CMAS-ISA Four Star Diver certification. If you comply with all 9 points, you may apply.

Surname : _____

First Names : _____

I.D. Number : _____ 3 Star Master Diver Number : _____

Postal Address : _____

E-mail Address : _____

		COMPLY
1	At least 18 years old.	
2	Five years continuous membership of CMAS-ISA, a SAUU affiliated club, school or association.	
3	Served on a Club/Regional committee for at least a one year period in one or more of the following capacities (one point only):	
	3a President/Chairman	
	3b Treasurer	
	3c Secretary	
	3d Scuba Training Officer	
	3e Medical Officer	
	3f Equipment Officer	
	3g Member	
4	Held a CMAS-ISA 3 Star Master Diver certificate for at least two years.	
5	Logged at least 100 hours of varied scuba diving (proof may be required).	
6	In possession of a valid medical certificate. The medical examination must have been carried out not more than 24 months previously.	
7	One of the following:	
	7a THE THESIS ROUTE: Completed a thesis as per MAC manual section 9.6.3.7a.1-3	
	7b THE PRACTICAL ROUTE: - The candidate must submit the following:	
	i A publishable article as per MAC manual section 9.6.3.7b.1&2	
	ii Proof of the successful issue of any of the following certificates to accrue 12 points:	
	Points	
	• Three Star Instructor	4
	• Two Star Instructor	3
	• Trimix Diver	3
	• Cave Diver Zone II / III	3
	• Divemaster	2
	• Wreck Diver I / II	2

•	Advanced Nitrox Diver	2	
•	Service Technician/Nitrox Blender/Trimix Blender	2	
•	Compressor Operator	1	
•	Cavern Diver	1	
•	Photographic Diver	1	
•	Oxygen Administration	1	
•	Decompression Chamber Operator	1	
•	Rescue Diver	1	
•	Nitrox Diver	1	
Any other relevant approved certificates (maximum 3 points):			
•		1	
•		1	
•		1	
Total			

Points are not based on the level of difficulty, but on balanced experience and service to the diving community. Relevant certificates are speciality courses, relevant to diving, from other diving/non-diving organisations.

8	The candidate must satisfy the CMAS-ISA Executive Council that he/she is a worthy recipient of the CMAS-ISA 4 Star Diver certificate. Their support and approval must therefore be endorsed on this form before issuing of the certificate can take place	
9	Must submit a comprehensive diving CV to the CMAS-ISA Executive Council of his/her personal diving career with either points 7a or 7b above. The mentor appointed must endorse these.	
10	The CMAS-ISA Executive Council reserves the right to require the candidate to present himself/herself for an oral examination should they deem it necessary.	
11	The candidate will be informed by the Administrative Officer whether his/her application for the 4 Star Diver certificate was successful or not.	
12	After approval by the CMAS-ISA Executive Council, the certificate and C-card will be issued to the applicant via the office of the Administrative Officer.	

NOTE: Thesis topics have to be registered with the CMAS-ISA Executive Council prior to application and be approved by them. A broad outline of the intended content must be supplied with the application for registration. The CMAS-ISA Executive Council will appoint a mentor for the candidate.

The prerequisites mentioned above are the minimum required for the CMAS-ISA 4 Star Diver certificate.

If you comply with all the above prerequisites, send your application, together with all the relevant documentation, to the office of the Administrative Officer.

The office of the Administrative Officer will notify the candidate whether or not the application was successful.

RECOMMENDED: _____ **(MENTOR)**

APPROVED: _____ **YES / NO (CMAS-ISA EXEC COUNCIL)**

Dated: _____