

## **Requirements for Certification for Active Cenote Dive Guides**

- 1) Copy of diving credential with minimum level of Divemaster, Monitor, Three Star or equivalent, or active Instructor. Proof of renewal or upgrade must be added.
- 2) Copy of Speleodiving credential with minimum level of Cave, Full Cave, Cave II or equivalent.
- 3) Copy of official identification (voting card or passport) that accredits the guide as Mexican. Foreigners must present copies of the migratory document that allows them to work in the country in diving activities (not immigrants with residence) or in the case of immigrants or immigrants their quality as such.
- 4) OW Sidemount certification in case of using that configuration.
- 5) Current first aid and CPR certification.
- 6) Current oxygen provider certification.
- 7) Diving medical insurance (DAN or similar).
- 8) Have at least 6 months experience as a full cave and cavern guide accredited through local cave instructor letter or previous accreditation.
- 9) Have at least 6 months of legal residence in Quintana Roo.
- 10) Copy of updated proof of address that accredits them as residents in the state of Quintana Roo. The name of the interested party must appear.
- 11) Letter of endorsement from a cave instructor belonging to the directory of evaluating instructors of the the Comité Regional de Espeleobuceo Ecología y Regulación (CREER) (this form is only available in Spanish). In this letter the evaluating instructor endorses the requirements established by the Committee and accredits that the guide knows perfectly well the rules of diving in cenotes accepted in the region, as well as the safety procedures, general principles of rescue and emergency care, and the quality standards recognized by the local community of cave instructors.
- 12) Letter of endorsement from a legally operating dive business (this form is only available in Spanish). In this letter the dive business provides legal and professional support to the guide in order to be authorized to conduct certified divers in the cenotes of the state of Quintana Roo. This letter must be accompanied by a copy of tax registration (Alta de Hacienda).
- 13) Regional responsibility for diving in overhead environments for the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico. This form is only available in Spanish and will be provided during the registration process. This is the legal release form that is authorized and registered with the corresponding regional civil protection authorities.
- 14) Letter of acceptance and commitment to observe the rules for diving in cenotes, principles of ethics as well as subjection to disciplinary procedure and the recognition of the jurisdiction of the Comité Regional de Espeleobuceo, Ecología y Regulación. This form is only available in Spanish and will be provided during the registration process.
- 15) Medical Questionnaire. This form will be provided during the registration process.
- 16) Confirmation of understanding of the contents of the manual.
- 17) No negative professional record.
- 18) A recent head shot photo (no more than 6 months old).