

Section 3: Maximum Depth Limitations

The maximum depth for all-recreational diving in the Maldives is 30 meters.

This applies to divers training in Deep Diving Techniques who participate in recreational diving activities within the Maldives, tourists, Dive Centre Staff, Instructors on or off duty and all instructors and students involved in Advanced and Deep Diving Training.

This maximum depth limitation also applies without exception to diving activities on live-aboard and safari boats.

Any person repeatedly and deliberately violating this regulation may be excluded from further diving. Furthermore, any Dive Centre Staff repeatedly and deliberately violating this regulation will be subjected to disciplinary measures as deemed fit by the concerned Maldivian Authority.

Entry level divers may dive to a depth of 20 meters or within the limits as set forth by standards of their certification agency, but not exceeding 20 meters.

Not until entry-level divers have received training in Deep Diving techniques may they go deeper than 20 meters.

Instruction in Deep Diving techniques must be provided in compliance with the standards of the program the instructor is qualified to teach according to the Diver Training Agencies as mentioned in SECTION 1: RECOGNISED DIVER TRAINING AGENCIES.

The fact that an entry level diver is diving under the supervision of an instructor shall not be grounds to dive deeper than 20 meters unless the diver is trained or is receiving training in Deep Diving Techniques as per standards.

Section 4: Decompression Dive Limitations.

Only no stage decompression diving is allowed in the Maldives. This applies to everybody who participates in diving activities within the Maldives, tourists and dive Centre staff, instructors on and off duty, also instructors and students involved in Advanced and Deep Diving Training. This no-stage decompression limitation also applies to live-aboard or safari boats. No exception whatsoever is allowed.

Any person repeatedly and deliberately violating this regulation may be excluded from further diving. Furthermore, any Dive Centre staff repeatedly and deliberately violating this regulation shall be subjected to disciplinary measures as deemed fit by the concerned Maldivian Authority.