

Equivalence with IWS Qualifications

When ILS equivalence does not exist, the following procedure for assessing equivalence with Irish Water Safety qualifications is as follows:

The applicant must submit:

- ✓ Details of the awarding body (name, country and address)
- ✓ A copy of the certificate held.
- ✓ The title of the qualification held.
- ✓ Details of the course syllabus (in English). A copy of the awarding body's syllabus will be preferable.
- ✓ Course duration, specifying both practical and theory hours.
- ✓ Course venue.
- ✓ Name of course tutor(s).
- ✓ Outline of the qualification assessment procedure.

On receipt of the above, an IWS appointed person, with a specialized knowledge of the IWS course content, will carry out a grid style comparison between the awards in question and make one of the following recommendations:

- ❖ **Full Equivalence:** The qualification is accepted as being fully equivalent with the IWS award.
- ❖ **Part Equivalence:** Sections of the IWS award, which must be completed and examined by an appropriately qualified IWS person are outlined. After the successful completion of the specified sections, full equivalence may be granted or the full IWS qualification awarded.
- ❖ **No Equivalence:** It will be recommended that the applicant undertakes the full IWS qualification.

Notes:

1. All costs associated with gaining full equivalence are the responsibility of the applicant.
2. Equivalence between higher awards will be judged according to guidelines outlined by International Life Saving (ILS).