

## SWIM TEST EVALUATION

DIVING CANDIDATE LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	DATE OF TEST
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Rate the diving candidate's performance of the NOAA swim test as per the NOAA Standards and Safety Manual. Watermanship of the diving candidate, which shows a noticeable degree of confidence, must be verified prior to arrival at the NOAA Diving Center (NDC) for upcoming training or as part of review for certification requirements. Personnel attending training are required to successfully perform this test during the first day of pool work.

### Watermanship Criteria

1. **UNINTERRUPTED SURFACE SWIM** - The diving candidate must swim a distance of 550 yards (500 meters) without stopping, using the front crawl, side stroke, or breast stroke in less than 15 minutes.

Time (mm:ss) required to complete the 550 yard swim:

2. **UNDERWATER SWIM** - The diving candidate must swim a distance of 25 yards (22 meters) without surfacing and without the use of fins.

25 yard underwater swim completed successfully:

3. **THIRTY (30) MINUTE FLOAT** - The diving candidate must tread water for 30 minutes without the use of any flotation aids.

30 minute float completed successfully:

All skills must be successfully demonstrated during a single pool session. It is suggested that the underwater swim be completed first, followed by the uninterrupted surface swim and then the 30 minute float. A 10-15 minute rest period is recommended between each element.

The diving candidate's swimming ability is:	<input type="radio"/> Poor	<input type="radio"/> Satisfactory	<input type="radio"/> Excellent
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UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR / DIVEMASTER NAME	ORGANIZATION / DIVE UNIT	
UNIT DIVING SUPERVISOR / DIVEMASTER SIGNATURE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE

Return the evaluation to NDC upon completion of the test or include this form with certification packet.

Submit forms via Email to [Support.NDC@noaa.gov](mailto:Support.NDC@noaa.gov)

NOAA Diving Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA, 98115

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## **Privacy Act Statement**

**Authority:** The collection of this information is authorized under 29 CFR 1910, Subpart T, Commercial Diving Operations. Additional authorities include 29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657; 40 U.S.C. 333; 33 U.S.C. 941; Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-76 (41 FR 25059), 9-83 (48 FR 35736), 1-90 (55 FR 9033), 6-96 (62 FR 111), 3-2000 (65 FR 50017), 5-2002 (67 FR 65008), 5-2007 (72 FR 31160), or 4-2010 (75 FR 55355) as applicable, and 29 CFR 1911.

**Purpose:** NOAA is collecting this information to assess an individual's medical fitness to dive, proficiency, and further training. Information will also be used to ensure diving equipment is safe and well maintained and that all policies are being adhered to for safety reasons. Aggregate data is used for annual reports and other leadership documents.

**Routine Uses:** NOAA will use this information in the determination of an individual's medical fitness to dive. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among Department staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice NOAA-10, NOAA Diving Program.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is voluntary. However, the failure to provide complete and accurate information will exclude the individual from NOAA's Diving Program.