APPENDIX A2 - NEW DIVER EVALUATION

The following is the basis of the watermanship skills evaluation for new entry level divers to the Flinders University Diver Register. If deemed necessary, the UDO or SDO may vary performance requirements and skills for the evaluation.

A2.1 SWIM AND SURFACE EVALUATION
- Swim 200 metres non stop without the use of swim aids, in less than 5 minutes;
- Fin 800 metres in less than 19 minutes;
- Perform an inert diver tow. That is, in less than 5 minutes tow or push another diver a distance of 100 metres, with both divers in full SCUBA.

A2.2 SCUBA SKILL EVALUATION
- Fully assemble equipment, perform necessary checks and enter water;
- Surface swim 25 metres demonstrating the ability to alternate between snorkel and SCUBA while kicking;
- Demonstrate mask clearing;
- Demonstrate weight belt removal and replacement;
- Demonstrate removal and replacement of SCUBA equipment;
- Demonstrate regulator recovery and clearing;
- Demonstrate buoyancy control by fin pivot;
- Demonstrate buoyancy control by hovering motionless for at least 15 seconds;
- Demonstrate use of alternative air source stationary and while swimming;
- Rescue and transport, as a diver, a passive simulated victim of an accident (optional);
- Problem solving assessment (optional);
- Discussion of ascent rates, dive profiles and other University diving practices.

A2.3 SNORKEL DIVING SKILL EVALUATION
- Swim 200 metres non stop without the use of swim aids, in less than 5 minutes;
- Fin 800 metres in less than 19 minutes;
- Perform an inert diver tow. i.e. in less than 3 minutes, tow or push another diver a distance of 100 metres, with both divers wearing snorkel equipment;
- Demonstrate mask clearing;
- Demonstrate two methods of snorkel clearing;
- Demonstrate weight belt removal and replacement;
- Duck dive to 2 metres and retrieve an item from that depth.