



**STATE OF  
OHIO**  
BOARD OF PHARMACY

## S.C.U.B.A. Exemptions for Procurement of Medical Oxygen

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[Pursuant to rule 4729:5-17-02 of the Administrative Code](#), S.C.U.B.A. divers who hold a valid certificate in any of the following nationally recognized S.C.U.B.A. diving programs may, without needing a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, purchase, possess, and use medical oxygen for the purpose of emergency care or treatment at the scene of a diving emergency:

- (1) Diver alert network (DAN): oxygen first aid for scuba diving injuries;
- (2) International association of nitrox and technical divers: oxygen provider course;
- (3) Professional association of diving instructors (PADI): emergency first response;
- (4) PADI: PADI oxygen first aid;
- (5) PADI: rescue diver course;
- (6) PADI: tec deep diver;
- (7) Scuba schools international: medic first aid emergency oxygen administration;
- (8) Technical diving international-S.C.U.B.A. diving international: diver advanced development program as a CPROX administrator;
- (9) YMCA: slam rescue;
- (10) National association of underwater instructors (NAUI) first aid;
- (11) NAUI rescue scuba diver;
- (12) NAUI advanced rescue scuba diver;
- (13) NAUI first aid instructor;
- (14) NAUI oxygen administration;
- (15) NAUI instructor; and
- (16) Any other program as approved by the Board (**NOTE:** The Board has not approved any additional programs at this time).

Sellers of medical oxygen are reminded that Board of Pharmacy rules (OAC [4729:5-3-04](#) / [4729:6-3-04](#)) require anyone exempted from licensure must attest annually, in writing (which may include an electronic signature), that they are exempted from the requirements of licensure and should also provide documentation demonstrating they possess one of the approved certifications listed above.

