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Preface

This is the second edition of CSA Z275.5, *Occupational diver Training*. It supersedes the previous edition, published in 2005. This Standard contains requirements and performance specifications for occupational diver training facilities and curricula. It also provides prerequisites for diver training candidates and for the consideration of prior learning for divers seeking upgrades or recognition of diving competency.

This Standard has been designed to parallel the competency criteria found in CSA Z275.4, *Competency Standard for Diving, Hyperbaric Chamber, and Remotely-operated Vehicle Operations*, for various diving categories and types of support personnel. This Standard specifies the facilities, equipment, objectives, and curriculum elements necessary to train a diver to the competency levels for each diving category specified in CSA Z275.4. In addition, CSA Z275.5 forms the basis for a national diver training facility auditing program.

This new edition of the Standard adds training requirements for offshore diving safety specialists (see Clause 26), as well as for a new category of support personnel; the inshore diving safety specialist (see Clause 27). It also adds training requirements for oxygen-enriched air divers and supervisors (see Clauses 29 to 31).

Users of this Standard should understand that the requirements specify minimum levels only. This Standard does not have the force of law unless mandated by legislation or called up in the regulations of the authority having jurisdiction. Users are advised to contact the authority having jurisdiction in their area in order to determine the extent to which this Standard is referenced.

This Standard was prepared by the Subcommittee on Diver Training, under the jurisdiction of the Technical Committee on Occupational Diving and Hyperbaric Environments and the Strategic Steering Committee on Occupational Health and Safety.

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