

# About the ASA and the Institute of Swimming

The ASA is the national governing body for diving, open water swimming, swimming, synchronised swimming and water polo in England.

In order to comply with national education and training standards the ASA has developed two separate and independent arms –



## ASA Awarding Body

The ASA Awarding Body develops, assesses, awards and quality assures all ASA qualifications. It is the equivalent of other awarding bodies such as City & Guilds and OCR (Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations). The ASA Awarding Body is licensed by British Swimming to award qualifications in England and Wales. It also has the remit for quality assurance of all areas of UKCC standards.

## Institute of Swimming (IoS)

The IoS is an approved training provider, like a school or college, and is part of the network of ASA Awarding Body Approved Centres. The IoS is the ASA's preferred training provider and delivers a comprehensive programme of quality approved courses and seminars throughout the UK.

Our flexible delivery network provides access to courses covering a range of abilities and aspirations - whether you have just begun to think about becoming a teacher/coach or are already a seasoned professional, there is sure to be a course or seminar to suit your needs. Instrumental in delivering the programme of courses and seminars are a team of Education Officers who are involved in planning, delivery and quality assurance within their region.

Details of your local Education Officer, who can provide further advice and guidance on the right course for you, can be found on our website [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org) or by contacting customer services on 0871 200 0928.

Once you have successfully attended a certificated course and become qualified you may apply to become a member of the Institute of Swimming. As well as providing the opportunity to participate in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars, membership has many benefits, such as insurance cover, advice on all aspects of legal, technical and employment matters and of course a collective identity evidenced by the use of designated letters after the member's name.

For more information including how to join please refer to our web pages at [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org) > [Teachers & Coaches](#)

