

## FAQ school recognition



After some discussions on the recognition of schools as certified VDWS centers, a set of definitions has been established in a FAQ list as a supplement to the school recognition guidelines.

### **Mobile schools**

By mobile schools we understand those schools using most of the school's infrastructure on a mobile basis. This applies in particular if there are no school facilities with regard to reception, changing rooms, sanitary facilities at the place of training, when there is no contractual relationship with an owner regarding lease or rent for the school location, and when the school is not recognized as a stationary facility by third persons. This means that the major part of the school must be close to the water and that the trainees must be able to use the infrastructure without interrupting the course. Given the VDWS guidelines for schools, mobile schools cannot be recognized.

### **Schools with several locations**

In case of schools with several school locations, each location meets the school recognition guidelines. If these locations are treated as independent schools in the VDWS and are also promoted as such, proof of infrastructure, personnel, legal requirements etc. must be provided for these locations.

### **Permanent schools with several training premises**

Schools with a permanent location in compliance with the school recognition guidelines have the possibility, under specific conditions (weather conditions, water levels, etc.) to shift the training to a different training location for safety reasons. In this case, it must be proven that training at the permanent location is possible in the overwhelming majority of the conditions and that switching to other locations is an exception.

### **Franchise schools**

The same rules as to schools with several locations apply to franchise schools.

### **Tour operators and event organisers**

Tour operators and event organisers who advertise with the VDWS label have to ensure that a VDWS-recognized school has its registered office at the place of performance, which is operated by the organiser himself or by a subcontractor, whereby in this case the subcontractor must have agreed to this event. In this case, the announcement must indicate at which school the event will take place (e. g. The event / the camp / the courses will take place at the VDWS center "...." and is VDWS-certified).