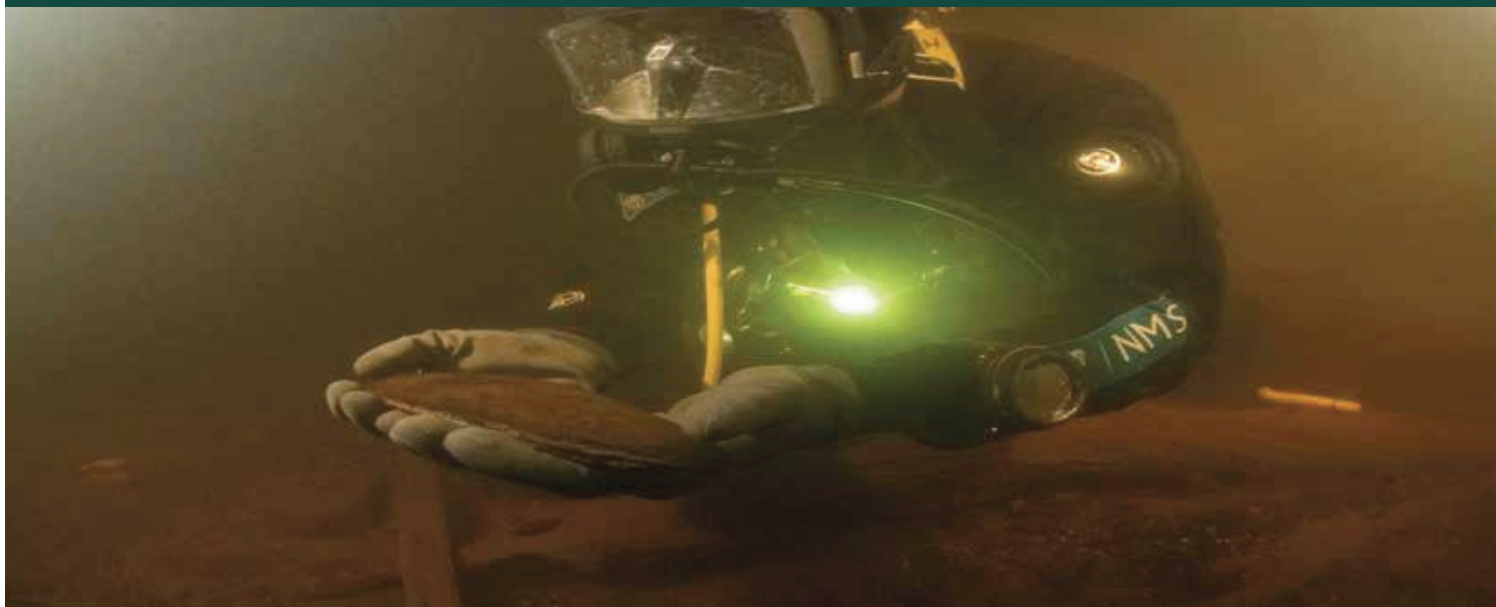


# Grants to assist archaeologists gain commercial dive qualifications



## Do you want to work as an underwater archaeologist in Ireland?



The National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is offering up to four grants in 2026 to assist archaeologists to gain commercial diving qualifications. The aim is to increase the number of underwater archaeologists working in both the commercial and public sectors in Ireland. Qualified archaeologists could extend their expertise by gaining underwater qualifications that enable them to work as underwater archaeologists on projects with the National Monuments Service, other research projects or in the commercial archaeological sector in Ireland.

This grant is awarded for the purpose of assisting successful applicants to gain HSE Part 4 and Part 3 qualifications (or equivalent) and will cover course fees up to the value of €5,900. Successful candidates will be selected on the basis of interview. Grants will be awarded on the successful completion of the commercial dive training course.

## Eligibility

Please visit [archaeology.ie](http://archaeology.ie) for information on eligibility. Applicants must be archaeologists with recent experience of diving in Ireland and must clearly demonstrate a commitment to work in Ireland as an underwater archaeologist. The National Monuments Service is inviting interested archaeologists to submit a covering letter, CV and details of their proposed dive training course to [uch@housing.gov.ie](mailto:uch@housing.gov.ie).



**The closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday 24 October 2025.**



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