



**STATE BOARD FOR INTERIOR DESIGN
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS**

1411 Broadway (between 39th & 40th Streets) Tenth Floor – Manhattan
&
89 Washington Ave - Albany

Friday May 10, 2024 ~ 10:30a - 1:00p

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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- **Registered Licensees (Jan 1, 2024): 341**
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- **2024 CIDQ Annual Meeting (November 7-9, 2024 – Chicago, IL)**
- **Joint Outreach with CIDQ:**
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- **Friday, September 27, 2024 – 10:30a – NYC/Albany**

ADJOURNMENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION



**STATE BOARD FOR INTERIOR DESIGN
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS**

1411 Broadway, New York, NY 10018 &
89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234

February 9, 2024
~ 10:30 am ~

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Primary Board Members Present:

- P. Durante (Chair), Certified Interior Designer
- R. Alweis, P.E.
- E. Fisher, Ph.D., Certified Interior Designer
- R. Novak, Certified Interior Designer, arrived at 10:40 A.M.
- D. Mallin, R.A. (*remote in Albany, NY*)
- H. Galutera, Certified Interior Designer

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Board Members Absent:

- A. Randazzo (Vice Chair), Certified Interior Designer
- R. Betz, R.A.

Guests:

- L. Earley, Esq. – Associate Director, Government and Public Affairs – ASID, left at 12:20 P.M.
- M. Merola - Director of Advocacy – IIDA, left at 12:20 P.M.
- E. Lu - IIDA NY Advocacy Committee and a co-founder of the Alliance of Design and Construction Professionals (ADCP), left at 12:20 P.M.
- M. Lomanto, President - ASID New York Metro Chapter, left at 12:20 P.M.
- M. Barusch - Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy – CIDQ Council for Interior Design Qualification, left at 12:20 P.M.
- T. Buchan – Lobbyist - Park Strategies, left at 12:20 P.M.
- C. Folts, CID – VP Advocacy, IIDA NY, left at 12:20 P.M.
- M. Jacobson, ASID, left at 12:00 P.M.

Board Office Personnel:

- E. Greppo, P.E. – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education

1. Call to Order – Open Session

ES Greppo called the Open Session to order at 10:31 A.M.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Board members, Board office personnel, and guests provided brief introductions.

3. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from October 20, 2023, were reviewed.

Motion – Fisher/Galutera: Approve October 20, 2023, meeting minutes.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Executive Secretary Board Office Report

- In 2023, 14 applicants were licensed in New York State. NYSED had not yet posted the 2023 end-of-year tally of registered licensees in interior design. There were 336 licensees as of July 2023.
- The Public Board Member is the only current Board vacancy. The Board Office is seeking nominations of people who meet the statutory criteria.
- ES noted that the ethics training is an annual requirement for all primary board members. Trainings for 2024 have not yet been scheduled. Additionally, there are no Office of Professional Discipline new Board Member trainings scheduled at this time.
- NYSED participated in STEAM Day on November 8, 2023 with social media outreach. The target audience was potential future professionals. Board Members may contribute suggested edits to the media for the 2024 STEAM day.
- The 2023 CIDQ Annual Meeting was held from November 10th through November 12th in Louisville, KY. ES will email Board members the links to the presentation materials offered at the conference. At the annual meeting, the proposed revised CIDQ Board structure was tabled.
- The 2024 CIDQ Annual Meeting will be held from November 7th to November 9th in Chicago, IL. It is the association's 50th anniversary.
- There have been no updates regarding the Certified Interior Decorator C.I.D. appellation and any conflicts it may have with the Certified Interior Designer title.
- There are no legislative or budget updates identified that would directly impact Interior Design.
- ES has begun conversations with CIDQ to explore the possibility of directly accepting experience and/or transcript data from CIDQ.

5. Briefings and Conversation with CIDQ, ASID and IIDA

The Board meeting focused on briefings, discussions, and Q & A with the association guests listed on page 1 of the meeting minutes. The briefings served to inform the Board of priority initiatives within each association. The Board took no positions and the ES reminded Board members and guests that the Board for Interior Design is advisory to the Board of Regents. If associations are interested in requesting formal NYSED input on any matters, they may formally contact the Government and Relations Unit.

The discussions primarily pertained to the NYS eligibility requirements for the Certified Interior Designer title. Per M. Barush, the basis of eligibility requirements for license or registration of Interior Design in most of the United States are the NCIDQ (prerequisite) examinations. The vast majority of regulated jurisdictions model their own state eligibility requirements for their state title or license after the eligibility requirements for the NCDIQ examination. NY and KY are the only states

that have different requirements. In New York, the codified differences occur at both the statutory and regulatory level. The associations indicated that a bill may be introduced in the next quarter with the intention to align NYS and NCIDQ education/experience requirements.

Comments were expressed from numerous guests and Board members that they've witnessed competent interior designers in New York State that do not qualify for licensure under the current statutory and regulatory structure. Other comments were expressed related to the statutory description of the practice of interior design, stamp/seal privileges, and continuing education.

M. Barush reported that there are 1606 NCIDQ certificate holders who report NYS as their residence. Of those, 765 have active NCIDQ certificates. CIDQ will be increasing the continuing education requirements for certificate holders to 10 hours a year in unregulated jurisdictions (effective April 1, 2024). Of the required 10 hours, five must pertain to health, safety, and welfare. M. Lomanto commented that ASID also requires continuing education. NYS NCIDQ certificate holders will need to maintain the new continuing education requirements to utilize the NCIDQ appellation. However, since NYS does not require continuing education for certified interior design licensees, the new requirement has no bearing on the "Certified Interior Designer" title. Currently, among states with interior design regulations, NY and ME are reputedly the only ones that do not require continuing education. CIDQ will attempt to obtain the number of registered interior designers (active and inactive) in other states compared to the number of NCIDQ certificate holders.

CIDQ is conducting a model legislation language update. This update process is anticipated to continue through 2024. This process will include solicit CIDQ member Board feedback.

The Practice Overlap Task Force coordinated thru the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) is developing guidance on how to regulate overlapping practice between the professions of architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture and surveying. The Task Force intends to develop uniform guidelines and definitions for competent overlap of practice that can be adopted as the recommended definitions in model law and national guidance issued by the ICOR organizations (NCEES, CIDQ, NCARB & CLARB).

6. Portal Information

The ES discussed the new CIDQ portal which, among other things, catalogs NCIDQ certificate holders. The portal may be used by member states to export information (e.g., email addresses). The Board office may utilize this tool for outreach to certificate holders in NYS to provide information on licensure. ES will provide draft template email with Board Members for review and feedback.

7. Outreach and Advocacy Update

CIDQ reaches out annually to post-secondary institutions to provide presentations on their certificate processes. The ES will pair up this outreach effort by speaking about the NYS Interior Design licensure process with students from New York Institute of Technology (February 13, 2024, 1-2 P.M.) and Rochester Institute of Technology (March 4, 2024, 5-6 P.M.). Potential future outreach discussed includes the NY11+ (April 2024) and IIDA NY Leaders Breakfast. A draft presentation template will be circulated to Board Members for review and comments.

8. 2024 Board Meetings

The remaining 2024 Interior Design Board meeting dates were chosen and are tentatively scheduled for May 10 and September 27 in New York City.

9. Example Applicant Transcript Review

A briefing was provided on an applicant applying for Interior Design licensure with Architecture education. The regulatory requirements for Interior Design may have been met through that education, but it cannot be demonstrated because the courses were taken many years ago, and the post-secondary institutions do not have the corresponding course syllabi available for NYSED internal review.

10. Adjournment for Executive Session

Motion – Alweis/Galutera: Move adjourn at 12:58 P.M.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo, PE
Executive Secretary

Interior Design

Science

Science serves as the foundation for the durability, safety, and sustainability of interior spaces.

Technology

Developing new fabrics that are beautiful to see and touch that resist fire, resist stains, and use less energy.

Engineering

Ensuring structural integrity, safety, and regulatory compliance within interior spaces.

Arts

Ambience. Texture. Light. Air. Materials. Creatively bringing it all together into a cohesive whole.

Math

Understanding aesthetic laws of proportion.
Figuring out quantities of material to purchase.

New York State Education Department

Office of the Professions

Division of Professional Education

Professional Education Program Review (PEPR)

Bureau of Comparative Education (CompEd)

Professional Education Program Review (PEPR)

- The Professional Education Program Review office (PEPR) is responsible for the review and registration of new professional education programs and changes to existing professional education programs. This includes licensure qualifying programs as well as post-professional programs and other related programs. In addition to the program registration role, PEPR also serves as a USDE recognized accreditor for certain nursing programs and is responsible for handling complaints against professional programs.
- PEPR is part of the Office of Profession's Division of Professional Education, along with the Bureau of Comparative Education.
- PEPR reviews proposals for programs related to the 55 licensed professions in New York. While most proposals are completed through desk reviews, site visit are conducted as needed to ensure the proper facilities and resources are in place for the program to be effectively offered.
- Currently there are 19 licensure qualifying interior design programs.
- When fully staffed PEPR consists of 1 supervisor, 3 associates in professional education, 3 associates in nursing education, 1 assistant in professional education, and 2 administrative support staff.

Bureau of Comparative Education (CompEd) Background

The Division of Licensing Services can be traced back to 1906, first under the Office of Higher Education before becoming its own office – the Office of the Professions. The role of the Bureau of Comparative Education can be traced back to 1943 and has evolved many times until it became its own bureau in April 1990. In 2007, both CompEd and PEPR merged under the Division of Professional Education, strengthening its collaboration.

CompEd's role has always been to evaluate applications involving international or “nontraditional” education. “Nontraditional” education is currently defined as programs that are not registered in NYS (through PEPR) or are not accredited by specific accrediting bodies accepted for licensure-qualifying purposes. CompEd staff have specialized training in both U.S. and international educational systems.

Currently CompEd has 21 staff members: 14 educational evaluators, in groups supervised by 4 lead evaluators, 2 support staff members, and an Assistant Director.

Bureau of Comparative Education (CompEd)

Process

The CompEd evaluation process begins with the receipt of files from the applicable processing unit in Division of Professional Licensing Services (DPLS). The processing unit determines if an applicant's education requires a CompEd review and collects all required documentation needed for this evaluation, before forwarding the file.

Evaluations are conducted based on requirements found in regulations. Some require:

- Specific content listed in individual licensing sections of the regulations
- Specific content equivalent to NYS registered program – found in Part 52 of the regulations

CompEd staff must be aware of licensing requirements, as well as requirements for registered programs for each profession.

Some professions also have preprofessional education and/or post professional education requirements (ex. Dentistry)

If the education is deficient, staff reaches out to the applicant to notify them of our findings and to provide them with options for meeting the requirements. These options depend on the profession and regulatory requirements. The file will stay with CompEd until either the applicant meets the educational requirements or withdraws and obtains a refund.

While Board offices have no direct authority over educational evaluations conducted by CompEd, CompEd may reach out to specific Board offices if we come across unique situations where clarification of regulatory intent is needed. The Board Secretary may be able to respond directly or may refer to Board members for guidance before responding to CompEd.

When education is approved, an evaluation sheet is completed, and the file forwarded either to the processing unit or Board office for the next steps in the licensing process.

Hello Member Board Administrators (MBA):

Trying this new tool to poll the field on a matter I raised in the previous CIDQ MBA community forum: The Certified Interior Decorator certificate and appellation (C.I.D.) is offered through CID International (cidinternational.org). In [REDACTED] the protected title is Certified Interior Designer and many in the Interior Design industry may colloquially also utilize the appellation of C.I.D.

More than one of our Board members are concerned with the potential public confusion and misleading nature of the the CID International appellation and the [REDACTED]..
See more

Like Comment

3 comments

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Member Board Executi... Mar 26
[REDACTED] has not dealt with this issue. Our title is "Certified Interior Designer," as well.
Like Reply

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Member Board Executi... Mar 21
[REDACTED] also uses Registered Interior Designer since 1984.
My board still sees it as an issue, but since 'CID' Certified Interior Decorator was trademarked in 1997, there doesn't seem to be anything that can be done about it.
Like Reply

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Member Board Executi... Mar 20
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] uses the title Registered Interior Designer since the registration began in 2006.
Thanks,
[REDACTED]
Like Reply

2023-S9064 (ACTIVE) - SUMMARY

Relates to the educational and examination requirements for certification as a certified interior designer; provides an exemption from the education requirements for architects licensed under article one hundred forty-seven of the education law.

2023-S9064 (ACTIVE) - SPONSOR MEMO

BILL NUMBER: S9064

SPONSOR: HOYLMAN-SIGAL

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

To align New York requirements for the certification of interior designers with those of a national certification organization for interior design professionals.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 amends § 8305 of the education law to align education, experience, and examination requirements for the certification of interior designers with those of a national certification organization for interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commissioner. This section also allows the Board to exempt licensed architects from the requirements of the statute.

Section 2 Provides an effective date of January 1st after the date on which it becomes a law, provided that the addition and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

JUSTIFICATION:

To be eligible in New York State for registration as a Certified Interi-

or Designer, practitioners must take and pass the NCIDQ Exam, the nationally recognized examination for the interior design profession.

NCIDQ Certificate Holders must undergo formal education, thousands of hours of paid, supervised experience, and an internationally recognized, eleven-hour certification exam to prepare for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public in practice.

NCIDQ Certificate holders are highly qualified to independently design nonloadbearing, non-seismic, and non-structural interior design elements in code-regulated spaces. However, some NCIDQ Certificate holders, despite having passed the exam and thus demonstrating minimal competence to protect the public, are not eligible for the New York State Certified Interior Designer title.

Currently, New York is one of two states that require more education and experience to acquire the state-protected title than is required to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Exam. As part of the eligibility requirements for the Certified Interior Designer title, New York State even specifies educational content requirements, such as color theory, that not all NCIDQ Certificate holders may receive, despite having passed the exam and established themselves as being minimally qualified and competent. As a result, qualified practitioners who passed the exam and would be eligible for registration in most other regulated jurisdictions cannot become Certified Interior Designers in New York State.

This legislation would update statutory qualification requirements for certified interior designers with those of the NCIDQ, and remove barriers to entry for certification for many otherwise qualified interior designers already working in New York.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

This is a new bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

STATE OF NEW YORK

9064

IN SENATE

April 15, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the requirements for certification for certified interior designers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 8305 of the education law, as added by chapter 905
2 of the laws of 1990, paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 as amended by chap-
3 ter 653 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 8305. Requirements for certification. 1. To qualify for certif-
5 ication to use the title "certified interior designer", an applicant
6 shall fulfill all the following requirements:

7 (a) Application: file an application with the department;

8 (b) Education: have [~~received at least seven years of professional~~
9 ~~training consisting of academic study and work experience relating to~~
10 ~~interior design and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.~~
11 ~~These seven years shall contain at least two but not more than five~~
12 ~~years of post secondary education, including an associate degree or the~~
13 ~~equivalent, in an approved program of interior design]~~ met the educa-
14 tional requirements required to sit for an examination offered by a
15 national certifying organization for interior design professionals,
16 provided that such certifying organization is approved by the commis-
17 sioner;

18 (c) Experience: have met experience [~~satisfactory to the board and in~~
19 ~~accordance with the commissioner's regulations]~~ requirements deemed
20 necessary to sit for an examination offered by a national certifying
21 organization for interior design professionals provided that such certi-
22 fying organization is approved by the commissioner;

23 (d) Examination: (1) pass an examination satisfactory to the board in
24 accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and (2) [~~pass a separate~~
25 ~~examination satisfactory to the board relative to the fire, safety and~~
26 ~~building codes of the state]~~ provide a verification from a national
27 certifying organization for interior design professionals that an appli-
28 cant has passed an examination offered by such certifying organization

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 for interior design professionals, and that the applicant is a certifi-
2 cate holder in good standing from such certifying organization for
3 interior design professionals, provided that such certifying organiza-
4 tion is approved by the commissioner;

5 (e) Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;

6 (f) Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;

7 (g) Character: be of good moral character as determined by the depart-
8 ment; and

9 (h) Fees: pay a fee of three hundred dollars to the department for
10 admission to the two department conducted examinations and for an
11 initial license, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each reexamina-
12 tion, a fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license
13 for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examina-
14 tion, and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registra-
15 tion period.

16 2. On recommendation of the board, the department may exempt:

17 (a) from the requirement of subparagraph one of paragraph (d) of
18 subdivision one of this section, an applicant who holds a license of
19 certification to practice as an interior designer issued to [~~him or her~~]
20 the applicant upon examination by a legally constituted board of examin-
21 ers in any other state or political subdivision of the United States,
22 provided that at the time the license or certificate was issued by such
23 state or political subdivision the applicant met the requirements of
24 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section for certification to
25 use the title "certified interior designer" established by this article;
26 [~~or~~]

27 (b) from the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subdivision
28 one of this section provided the applicant submits, prior to January
29 first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, satisfactory evidence that the
30 applicant has [~~held himself or herself out as~~] presented the applicant
31 to be an interior designer and has prepared interior design documents in
32 accordance with the requirements set forth in section eighty-three
33 hundred three of this article for a minimum of seven years, has received
34 a secondary school diploma or equivalent, and has passed the examina-
35 tions required under paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this
36 section[~~+~~]; or

37 (c) from the requirements of subparagraph one of paragraph (b) of
38 subdivision one of this section, an architect licensed under article one
39 hundred forty-seven of this chapter.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
41 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective imme-
42 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
43 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
44 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.



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§8300 Application.

This article applies to the use of a title by a certified interior designer. The general provisions for all professions contained in article one hundred thirty of this title apply to this article.

§8301 Use of the title "certified interior designer".

Only a person certified pursuant to this article may use the title "certified interior designer". Authorization contained within this article to use the title "certified interior designer" shall not be construed to permit the practice of engineering, as described in article one hundred forty-five of this title, or the practice of architecture, as described in article one hundred forty-seven of this title, by persons not otherwise authorized to engage in such practices.

§8302 Signature of a certified interior designer.



All original final interior design documents, plans and specifications, prepared by a certified interior designer or by a full-time or part-time subordinate employed under his or her supervision, shall be manually signed by the certified interior designer.

§8303 Definition of practice of interior design.



For the purposes of this article, the practice of interior design is defined as rendering or offering to render services for a fee or other valuable consideration, in the preparation and administration of interior design documents (including drawings, schedules and specifications) which pertain to the planning and design of interior spaces including furnishings, layouts, fixtures, cabinetry, lighting, finishes, materials, and interior construction not materially related to or materially affecting the building systems, all of which shall comply with applicable laws, codes, regulations, and standards. The scope of work described herein shall not be construed as authorizing the planning and design of engineering and architectural interior construction as related to the building systems, including structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, air conditioning or mechanical systems and shall not be construed as authorizing the practice of engineering or architecture as described in article one hundred forty-five or one hundred forty-seven of this title. The interior design plans as described above are not to be construed as those required to be filed with local municipalities or building departments as required by the state education law regulating the practices of architecture or engineering.

§8304 State board for interior design.



1. A state board for interior design shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose of assisting the board of regents and the department on matters of certification and professional conduct in accordance with section sixty-five hundred eight of this title. The board shall be composed of nine members, four of whom shall be interior designers certified in this state, two of whom shall be licensed architects who practice primarily interior design in this state, one who shall be a professional engineer in this state with an expertise in interior design, one who shall be a full-time interior design educator in this state and one who shall be the public representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the members of the first board who are interior designers need not be certified prior to their appointment to the board.
2. Two interior designers and a licensed architect who practices primarily interior design shall serve initial five year terms. Two interior designers and a professional engineer with an expertise in interior design shall serve initial four year terms. One licensed architect who practices primarily interior design, the interior design educator, and the public representative shall serve initial two year terms. Following the establishment of the initial membership of the board, all succeeding appointments shall be for five year terms. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of such member's terms in accordance with the provisions of this section.

§8305 Requirements for certification.



1. To qualify for certification to use the title "certified interior designer", an applicant shall fulfill all the following requirements:
 - a. Application: file an application with the department;
 - b. Education: have received at least seven years of professional training consisting of academic study and work experience relating to interior design and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations. These seven years shall contain at least two but not more than five years of post secondary education, including an associate degree or the equivalent, in an approved program of interior design;
 - c. Experience: have experience satisfactory to the board and in accordance with the commissioner's regulations;
 - d. Examination:
 1. pass an examination satisfactory to the board in accordance with the commissioner's regulations, and
 2. pass a separate examination satisfactory to the board relative to the fire, safety and building codes of the state;
 - e. Age: be at least twenty-one years of age;
 - f. Citizenship: meet no requirements as to United States citizenship;
 - g. Character: be of good moral character as determined by the department; and

- h. Fees: pay a fee of three hundred dollars to the department for admission to the two department conducted examinations and for an initial license, a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each reexamination, a fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars for an initial license for persons not requiring admission to a department conducted examination, and a fee of two hundred ten dollars for each triennial registration period.
- 2. On recommendation of the board, the department may exempt:
 - a. from the requirement of subparagraph one of paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section, an applicant who holds a license of certification to practice as an interior designer issued to him or her upon examination by a legally constituted board of examiners in any other state or political subdivision of the United States, provided that at the time the license or certificate was issued by such state or political subdivision the applicant met the requirements of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section for certification to use the title "certified interior designer" established by this article; or
 - b. from the requirements specified in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section provided the applicant submits, prior to January first, nineteen hundred ninety-six, satisfactory evidence that the applicant has held himself or herself out as an interior designer and has prepared interior design documents in accordance with the requirements set forth in section eighty-three hundred three of this article for a minimum of seven years, has received a secondary school diploma or equivalent, and has passed the examinations required under paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section.

§8306 Limited permits.



- 1. On recommendation of the board, the department may issue a limited permit, valid for a period of two years and renewable once on the recommendation of the board, for use of the title "certified interior designer" in accordance with this article by one who is not a resident of this state and has no established business in this state. This individual shall:
 - a. be qualified to practice or engage, under such title, in the practice of interior design in his or her own country or state,
 - b. submit evidence satisfactory to the board of established and recognized professional standing in his or her own country or state, and
 - c. submit satisfactory certifications as to his or her qualifications.
- 2. The limited permit shall authorize the holder to use the title "certified interior designer".
- 3. A limited permit of a certified interior designer shall be used only in connection with the specific project for which the limited permit is issued and authorized in writing by the department.
- 4. The fee for each limited permit shall be one hundred five dollars.

§8307 Separability.



If any section of this article, or part thereof, shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder or any other section or part thereof.



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§ 52.18 Interior Design



- a. To be registered as a program creditable towards the education/experience requirement necessary for certification to use the title certified interior designer, as prescribed in section 79-3.2(b) of this Title, a baccalaureate degree curriculum shall contain at least 48 semester hours of course work in the following content areas:
1. drafting and presentation techniques;
 2. fundamentals of space planning and design;

3. materials and methods of construction;
 4. furniture, finishes, and equipment;
 5. history of architecture and the decorative arts;
 6. codes - construction, fire, safety, and accessibility;
 7. environmental and building systems;
 8. color theory and application;
 9. business practices and ethics; and
 10. construction documents.
- b. To be registered as a program creditable towards the education/experience requirement necessary for certification to use the title certified interior designer, as prescribed in section 79-3.2(b) of this Title, an associate degree curriculum shall contain at least 30 semester hours of course work in the following content areas:
1. drafting and presentation techniques;
 2. fundamentals of space planning and design;
 3. materials and methods of construction;
 4. furniture, finishes, and equipment;
 5. history of architecture and the decorative arts; and
 6. codes — construction, fire, safety, and accessibility.

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§79-3.1 Definitions.

As used in this Subpart:

- a. Acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the post-secondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent, and non-discriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for these purposes by the United States Department of Education.
- b. Board shall mean the state board for interior design.

§79-3.2 Education/experience credit.



- a. Prior to certification, the applicant shall accrue seven years of acceptable education/experience credit which shall include:
 1. at least two but not more than five years of post-secondary education in interior design in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (b) and (c) of this section, including completion of an associate degree in the field or its equivalent; and
 2. at least two years of interior design work experience of a scope and nature satisfactory to the board, as prescribed in section 79-3.3 of this Subpart.
- b. Two years of education/experience credit may be earned for completion of an interior design program leading to an associate degree or four years of education/experience credit may be earned for completion of an interior design program leading to a baccalaureate degree provided that such programs are registered by the department pursuant to section 52.18 of this Title or are professional programs in interior design accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency or are equivalent programs.
- c. Upon evaluation by the department, education/experience credit may be earned for post-secondary-level courses completed in the subjects listed in subdivision (a) of section 52.18 of this Title, which are not part of an associate or baccalaureate degree program in interior design meeting the requirements of section 52.18 of this Title, provided that such course work is offered within a program registered by the department pursuant to Part 52 of this Title or approved by an acceptable accrediting agency or within an equivalent program.

§79-3.3 Experience acceptable for certification.



Practical experience in interior design work, satisfactory to the board and verified by the department, shall:

- a. be under the direct supervision of an interior designer, architect, or professional engineer;
- b. within the bounds of interior design practice as set forth in section 8303 of the Education Law, demonstrate diverse experience in all aspects of project planning and execution; and
- c. reflect increased levels of professional growth.

§79-3.4 Licensing examinations.



- a. A candidate shall pass two separate examinations, satisfactory to the board, prior to certification.
- b. One examination shall test, but shall not be limited to testing, the applicant's knowledge of interior design theory, building and interior systems, planning, contract documents, and professional practice.
- c. The other examination shall test the applicant's knowledge relative to fire, safety, and building codes.
- d. Education requirements for admission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59.2 of this Title, an applicant for certification shall not be required to satisfy all education requirements before being admitted to a professional licensing examination in interior design. Such education requirements shall be completed prior to certification.
- e. Grade retention. The grade retention limitations of subdivision (f) of section 59.5 of this Title shall not be applicable to a professional licensing examination in interior design.
- f. Passing standard. The passing standard for reach examination shall be determined by the board.

§79-3.5 Limited permits.



- a. In accordance with subdivision (l) of section 8306 of the Education Law and upon recommendation of the board, the department may issue to an interior designer who is not a resident of this state and has no established place of practice in this State a limited permit to use the title "certified interior designer" solely in connection with a single specified project, provided that such applicant submits:
 1. a completed application form, including:
 - i. the applicant's current residential and employment addresses;
 - ii. a description of the project for which the limited permit is requested; and
 - iii. a description of experience satisfactory to the board which is related to the nature of the project for which the permit is requested;
 2. verification of national certification or written confirmation, submitted to the department by a recognized licensing authority, that the applicant is legally qualified and authorized to practice as an interior designer or to use the title "certified interior designer" or other similar title in his/her own state or country, and that the applicant is currently in good professional standing; and

- 3. payment of the statutory permit fee.
- b. Limited permits shall expire two years from the date granted, except that such permits may be renewed for one additional two-year period.

§79-3.6 Exemptions.

- a. Pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 8305 of the Education Law, upon recommendation of the board, the department may exempt from the requirement of passing the licensing examination described in subdivision (b) of section 79-3.4 of this Subpart an applicant who has a license or certificate to practice as an interior designer issued to him or her upon written examination by a legally constituted authority in any other state or political subdivision of the United States, provided that the education/experience requirements, as prescribed in section 79-3.2 of this Subpart, were satisfied before licensure and that the examination for such license or certificate, at the time it was issued, was the substantial equivalent of the examination required in this state.
- b. Pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 8305 of the Education Law, upon recommendation of the board, the department may exempt an applicant from the education/experience requirements, as prescribed in section 79-3.2 of this Subpart, provided that prior to January 1, 1996 the applicant submits an application for certification and satisfactory evidence that the candidate has satisfactorily completed an approved secondary school course of study, has the equivalent of seven years of interior design work experience of a scope and nature satisfactory to the board, and has passed the licensing examinations required under section 79-3.4 of this Subpart.

EDUCATION

Official education transcripts must include a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours of post-secondary interior design coursework that encompasses a degree, certificate, or diploma from an accredited institution to be eligible.

INTERIOR DESIGN

**BACHELOR
or MASTER
DEGREE**

**CIDA or
Non-CIDA**

**BACHELOR
or MASTER
DEGREE
(Other Major)**

**+ INTERIOR
DESIGN
CERTIFICATE,
DEGREE, OR
DIPLOMA**

**ASSOCIATE
DEGREE,
CERTIFICATE,
or DIPLOMA**

Must include a minimum of
60 semester hours in interior design

ARCHITECTURE

**BACHELOR
or MASTER
DEGREE**

**NAAB or
CACB**

**BACHELOR
or MASTER
DEGREE**

**Non-NAAB or
Non-CACB**

EXPERIENCE

Hours must be earned and affirmed by a Direct Supervisor and/or Sponsor*

Up to 1,760 hours of interior design work experience, earned prior to graduation, may be included in overall work experience total.

**3,520 WORK
HOURS**

(2 Years Full-Time)

**5,280 WORK
HOURS**

(3 Years Full-Time)

**7,040 WORK
HOURS**

(4 Years Full-Time)

Meeting CIDQ's education and work experience requirements does not guarantee that a candidate will meet their jurisdiction's requirements to be a licensed/registered/certified interior designer. Individuals are reminded to check with their jurisdiction regarding those specific requirements.