

Appendix B

NCIDQ Exam & Eligibility

Acceptable Paths

Route 1, 6 & 7

Exam & Eligibility

CIDA Degree

(ROUTE 1)

Education

Bachelor's or Master's degree from a CIDA-accredited interior design program.

BY END OF YEAR 3

96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of work experience can be earned before education is completed.

BY END OF YEAR 4

Education completed

APPLY FOR IDPX

Work Experience

3,520 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

APPLY FOR IDPX/PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM

Interior Design Degree — Non-CIDA

(ROUTE 2)

Education

Bachelor's degree (minimum) in an interior design program not accredited by CIDA.¹

Including: No less than 120 semester or 180 quarter credits, of which no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits are interior design coursework.

BY END OF YEAR 3

96 sem/144 qtr credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.

BY END OF YEAR 4

Education completed

APPLY FOR IDPX

Work Experience

3,520 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

APPLY FOR IDPX/PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM

Other Degree + Interior Design Degree

(ROUTE 3)

Education

Bachelor's degree (minimum) in any other major and no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

BY END OF YEAR 3

30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed

Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.

BY END OF YEAR 4

Education completed

APPLY FOR IDPX

Work Experience

3,520 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.

APPLY FOR IDPX/PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM

Associates Degree (60 Hrs) in Interior Design

(ROUTE 4)

Education

No less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

BY END OF YEAR 3

Education completed

APPLY FOR IDPX

Work Experience

5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

APPLY FOR IDPX/PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM

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Associates Degree (40 Hrs) in Interior Design Route 5 ENDS December 31, 2018 (ROUTE 5)

Education

No less than 40 semester or 60 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a certificate, degree or diploma.

BY END OF YEAR 2

Education completed

Work Experience

7,040 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

APPLY FOR EXAM

NAAB or CACB Degree

(ROUTE 6)

Education

Bachelor's or Master's degree from an NAAB or CACB accredited architecture program.³

BY END OF YEAR 5 - 6

Education completed

APPLY FOR IDPX

Work Experience

5,280 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

APPLY FOR IDPX/PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM

Architecture Degree – Non-NAAB or CACB

(ROUTE 7)

Education

Bachelor of Science or
Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

BY END OF YEAR 4

Education completed

Work Experience

7,040 hours qualified interior design experience.²

Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.

APPLY FOR EXAM

Do not see a route that matches your background?
Please give our offices a call to discuss your options at 202.721.0220

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¹ CIDA – the Council for Interior Design Accreditation – was formerly known as FIDER. To qualify, the degree program must have been CIDA-accredited at graduation or must have become CIDA-accredited within two years following graduation.

² NAAB – the National Architectural Accrediting Board

CACB – the Canadian Architectural Accrediting Board

To qualify, the degree program must have been accredited at graduation or within two years of graduation.

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