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Get Involved & Advocate

The Interior Design Profession and what it means to be an “Advocate” in New York

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Today's Overview

1. The basics: definitions and concepts
2. New York State: where are we now and where are we headed?
3. How to get involved



What is Advocacy?

advocacy

the act of pleading or arguing in favor of something, such as a cause, idea, or policy.

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What are we Advocating for in New York State?

- Equal recognition with other recognized design professions
- Lowering our registration fees
- Stamp and seal privileges
- Elimination of the interior design services sales tax

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Elements of Advocacy



Education



Public Relations



Activism



Lobbying

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How do we advocate?

#talkinteriordesign

Know how to talk about what you do as an Interior Designer and look for opportunities to share that knowledge with others.

#engageinteriordesign

Keep up with current best practices and stay involved in the conversation.

#recognizeinteriordesign

Understand how the legal recognition of Interior Design impacts the profession, how it applies in other states and what it could mean for our state.

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What is Interior Design?

Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ)
Abbreviated Definition of Interior Design

- Interior non-structural/non-seismic construction and alteration projects
- Interior designers are qualified by means of education, experience, and examination
- Protect through design of code-compliant, accessible, and inclusive interior environments

Interior design encompasses the analysis, planning, design, documentation, and management of interior non-structural/non-seismic construction and alteration projects in compliance with applicable building design and construction, fire, life-safety, and energy codes, standards, regulations, and guidelines for the purpose of obtaining a building permit, as allowed by law. Qualified by means of education, experience, and examination, interior designers have a moral and ethical responsibility to protect consumers and occupants through the design of code-compliant, accessible, and inclusive interior environments that address well-being, while considering the complex physical, mental, and emotional needs of people.

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Introduce yourself as an Interior Designer

“I’m a Certified Interior Designer registered in the Office of Professions.”

“I design for Code Impacted Buildings.”

“Interior design is the planning and construction of an interior space that successfully meets the requirements of the end user and improves human safety and their experience.”

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Interior Design Explainer Video Series

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NCIDQ Certification Videos

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Interior design skills include...

- Programming and needs analysis
- Field/Site inspection and analysis
- Budgeting
- Preparation of schematic drawings
- Space planning – Walls, Doors, Furniture
- Application of building codes and regulations
- Interior detailing – Interior Walls, Casework, Ceilings, Finishes
- Equipment planning and coordination
- Preparation of design intent drawings
- Coordination of Engineered elements within the interior; including electrical, mechanical, plumbing
- Preparation of construction documents, including drawings and specification
- Permitting drawings and process (when applicable)
- Construction administration; including site inspection, drawing review and coordination with the construction trades
- Post occupancy evaluation

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Regulating Organizations



Council
for Interior
Design
Accreditation



Council for
Interior Design
Qualification



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Testing - the NCIDQ Exam

The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) is the premiere certifying organization for interior design professionals.

EXAMINATION

**Interior Design
Fundamental Exam (IDFX)**
125 Questions | 3 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

- Construction Drawings and Specification
- Technical Drawing Conventions
- Programming and Site Analysis
- Furniture, Finishes, Equipment, and Lighting
- Building Systems and Construction
- Human Behavior and the Design Environment
- Design Communication

**Interior Design
Professional Exam (IDPX)**
175 Questions | 4 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

- Professional Business Practice
- Building Systems and Integration
- Contract Administration
- Project Coordination
- Contract Documents
- Product and Materials Coordination
- Codes and Standards

**Practicum Exam
(PRAC 2.0)**
120 Questions | 4 Hours to Complete



EXAM SUBJECTS:

- Programming and Site Analysis
- Codes and Standards
- Building Systems and Integration
- Contract Documents

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Regulation of Commercial Interior Design



Registration



Certification

“Registered Interior Designer” Or “Certified Interior Designer”

- Some states use registration interchangeably with certification

Voluntary or Mandatory registration/certification (state dependent)

Defines a profession in state law

Registered interior designer vs. interior designer

Incorporates continuing education requirements (CEUs)

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Regulation of Commercial Interior Design



Stamp & Seal

IIDA advocates for stamping & sealing privileges
for permits for all RIDs or CIDs

Privileges vary by state

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NCIDQ*-CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNER

Selection/specification, planning, procurement, and coordination of:

- modular systems, furniture, and movable partitions.
- Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) specifications, bidding, and procurement services.
- interior finishes in compliance with applicable codes and regulations.
- graphics, way finding, and signage systems in compliance with applicable codes and regulations.
- artwork and decorative elements for the purposes of aesthetic and functional improvements to non-code-impacted interior environments.

- Programming, planning, design, and project management of interior environments.
- Design of non-structural/non-seismic interior partitions and openings.
- Design of non-structural built-in elements.
- Application of design strategies to support health, wellness, environmental sustainability, and human experience.
- Development of construction documents.
- Bidding, construction administration services, and post-occupancy evaluations.

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- Coordination with civil engineers to place building, structural systems, utilities, roadways, parking surfaces, walking paths, and plantings on site.
- Coordination with landscape architects and designers for building landscaping.
- Design of overall building in compliance with applicable codes and regulations.
- Design of vertical circulation.
- Design of core and shell of a building.
- Coordination with structural and MEP engineers to select and locate building structural systems.



- Does not limit, restrict, or prevent practice or use of the title “Interior Designer”
- Conforms with state requirements
- Allows qualified designers to perform additional services related to the practice

New York State Law Today



§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

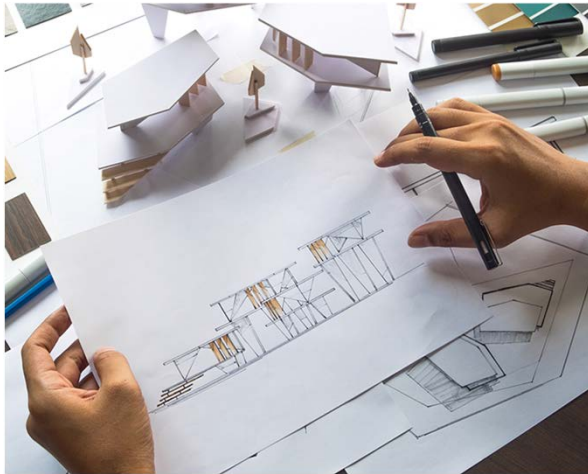
the title "certified interior designer" shall not be construed to permit the practice of engineering, as described in article one hundred forty-five of this title, **or the practice of architecture**, as described in article one hundred forty-seven of this title,

by persons not otherwise authorized to engage in such practices.



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§8303 Definition of practice of interior design.

“... 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 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.”

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New York State Office of Professions



A Certified Interior Designer (CID) licensed in New York plans, designs, supervises and/or consults on various aspects of interior spaces including:

- **layouts and planning of interior construction**
- **furnishings and fixtures**
- **cabinetry, lighting and finishes**
- **other aspects of interior construction not materially related to the main structural building components or systems**

To safeguard people and property, certified interior designers incorporate construction, fire, safety and accessibility codes and data into their design services.



New York CIDs work with you to create home and business environments that project your desired image while allowing for changing requirements, functionality, comfort, and efficiency. Their services include the following:

- **schematic design and development**
- **space planning**
- **complete interior design specifications**
- **working drawings**
- **project monitoring and post-occupancy review**

In providing these and related services, certified interior designers ensure that all fire codes, flammability ratings, and other safety and product issues are addressed.

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<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/id/>



New York State Tax on Interior Design Services



Interior Decorating and Design Services

Tax Bulletin ST-400 (TB-ST-400)

[Printer-Friendly Version \(PDF\)](#)

Issue Date: Updated June 2, 2011

Introduction

This bulletin explains how sales and use taxes apply to interior decorating and design services.

Services include:

- layouts and planning of interior spaces
- furniture arranging, design and planning of furnishings, fixtures, cabinetry, lighting and finishes
- staging; lighting and sound design; interior floral design;
- selection, purchase, and arrangement of surface coverings, draperies, furniture, and other decorations

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What are we looking to change?



- **More educated colleagues and the public**
 - Interior Design Vs. Interior Decoration – educating and explaining what our profession does and how we protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of occupants
- **Lowering our Registration Fees**
 - Our registration fees and on-going renewals are among the highest in North America
 - We are currently voluntary registration and overall state numbers are low at only 337 CIDs
- **Elimination of the Interior Design Services Sales Tax**
 - IIDA, ASID, and IDLNY, have created a joint task force to explore an approach, with potential support from AIA
- **Becoming a “Design Professional”**
 - We currently cannot own a certain amount of shares in a design professional corporation
- **Stamp and Seal Privileges**
 - We currently cannot stamp and seal
 - We can sign Interior Design documents as long as the type of project does not require a building permit (very limited)

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NYS License Statistics

Licenses Issued, Past 5 Calendar Years

Profession Title	2016	2016	2017	2018	2019
Interior Designer	11	11	17	24	11

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Geographic Distribution of Registered Licensees*

As of July 1, 2020

County	Number	County	Number	County	Number
Albany	4	Jefferson	0	Saratoga	2
Allegany	0	Kings	31	Schenectady	2
Bronx	7	Lewis	0	Schoharie	0
Broome	4	Livingston	0	Schuyler	0
Cattaraugus	0	Madison	1	Seneca	1
Cayuga	0	Monroe	28	Steuben	1
Chautauqua	0	Montgomery	0	St. Lawrence	0
Chemung	1	Nassau	20	Suffolk	15
Chenango	0	New York	71	Sullivan	0
Clinton	0	Niagara	1	Tioga	1
Columbia	1	Oneida	0	Tompkins	1
Cortland	1	Onondaga	7	Ulster	1
Delaware	0	Ontario	3	Warren	0
Dutchess	3	Orange	5	Washington	0
Erie	9	Orleans	0	Wayne	0
Essex	0	Oswego	0	Westchester	16
Franklin	0	Otsego	0	Wyoming	0
Fulton	0	Putnam	2	Yates	1
Genesee	0	Queens	14	NYS TOTAL	266
Greene	0	Rensselaer	5	OTHER US	67
Hamilton	0	Richmond	4	NON-US	1
Herkimer	0	Rockland	3	TOTAL	334

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/id/interiorcounts.htm>

NYS License Statistics

Profession	Number Registered as of April 1, 2020
Interior Design	337
Architecture	20,418
Landscape Architecture	1,446
Professional Engineering	31,466
Certified Public Accountant	63,837
Medicine	101,763
Registered Professional Nurse	328,347

We need to increase our NYS Certified Interior Designer registration numbers!

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<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/statistics/20reg.htm>



NYS NCIDQ Statistics

NCIDQ Certificate Holders in the state of NY:

2015: 1,232

2016: 1,281

2017: 1,341

2018: 1,408

2019: 1,462

2020: 1,454 *(Assuming a decrease due to COVID and the loss of jobs and cost to renew, etc)*

*In-state NY CIDs: **266** as of 7/1/2020

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<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/statistics/20reg.htm>

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What can YOU do to support the interior design profession?



- Work on your elevator speech – what does an Interior Designer do?
- Take the NCIDQ exam and become a CID in New York
- Become a member of IIDA
- Become a committee member for advocacy in NYS
 - Attend and plan events
 - Be available if action is required
- Phone to Action – Text IIDA to 52886
- Become familiar with your state interior design laws
- Know the Interior Design profession issues in your state
- Know who your state and local legislators are (remember they care about their constituents!)
 - Follow them on social media
 - Build a relationship with your legislator

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Q+A

Main Resources:

<https://www.cidq.org>

<http://advocacy.iida.org/>

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/id/>

Contact:

advocacy@iidany.org

Find the videos at

[CIDQ](#)'s channel on YouTube



Resources

IIDA National Advocacy 101 presentation (2016)

CIDQ, Definition of Interior Design (2019) Council for Interior Design Qualification

CIDQ, Impact of Interior Design on Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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