



What Do Interior Designers Do?

NCIDQ-certified interior designers have extensive knowledge of and training in construction codes, standards, and regulations, and adhere to them in their work, while paying strict attention to the importance of accessibility, functionality, and client health, safety, and welfare. Interior designers are responsible for providing a safe, functional, and accessible environment for their clients and meet this goal through attention, adherence, and focus on codes, standards, regulations, and accessibility laws.

Construction Management

Construction management involves the coordination of all project contractors to ensure that interior spaces are built to the standards of local and national building codes, and that all project documentation and specification requirements are met. A vital and skilled part of the construction team, interior designers serve their clients by managing all project details including scheduling, payments, changes to the existing plan, potential cost increases, and more.



Construction Documents

In many states, interior designers independently prepare construction documents for the client that are stamped and sealed for permit by a qualified interior designer who has completed established education requirements and successfully passed the national certification exam (the NCIDQ). After approval, these documents are used to support the work of the project's general contractor.



- Building code
- Partition plans
- Reflective ceiling plans
- Power and data plans
- Finish plans
- Furniture plans
- Occupancy plans
- Construction details
- Fully dimensioned elevations
- Path of egress documents
- Engineering coordination, including electrical, mechanical, and plumbing

Regulatory Compliance

In order to meet client expectations, goals and public safety requirements and avoid legal fines and constructions delays, interior designers develop project drawings that comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the International Building Code (in place in all states), and any additional codes, regulations, and federal and state laws that exist in the project location.



Project Management

Interior designers further protect their government and private clients' financial and project interests by coordinating and managing additional project details.

- Budgeting and scheduling including construction equipment, furniture and fixtures.
- Preparation and review of bid documents with consultants and contractors



Support reasonable interior design regulation.

About the Consortium for Interior Design

The Consortium for Interior Design is a collaborative advocacy effort by the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the Council of Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). These organizations are committed to advocating for legal recognition and reasonable regulation of the interior design profession.



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