



Why Registration Matters

What Does Registration Mean?

After a state passes a law that creates a protected title, (known as Registered, Certified or Licensed interior designer, depending on the state), those who have satisfied the necessary requirements have the ability to use the title, provided that they register with the state. States have varying requirements for registering, including showing proof of education, experience, and examination, plus registration and renewal fees.



Why Does Registration Matter?

Registration shows consumers and clients that you have met the minimum standards to call yourself a registered, certified or licensed interior designer, including having the education, examination, and experience necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Registration provides accountability, giving consumers a venue for redress of grievances and complaints.

Registration shows that interior designers are qualified, competent design professionals, on par with architects, landscape architects, and engineers for their specific area of expertise.

How Do I Get Registered?

Most states require an interior design degree, preferably from a Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) accredited program, at least two years of relevant & diverse interior design experience, and successful passage of the National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination.

For more information about NCIDQ, please visit www.NCIDQ.org

For more information about CIDA, visit www.CIDA.org

Benefits to Professionals

Awareness – The title shows other designers and allied professionals that you support increasing public awareness of interior design as a profession.

Identification – Defined in the International Building Code as “an individual who is registered or licensed to practice their respective design profession as defined by the statutory requirements of the professional registration law of the state in which the project is being constructed.”

Reciprocity – Most states that regulate interior design offer reciprocity, which means that those registered in one state can easily become registered in another.

Permitting – In some states, registration allows qualified interior designers to take responsibility for their own work and take on the privilege of being able to stamp and submit interior construction documents for building permits.

Bidding – In some jurisdictions, registration can allow interior designers to bid on government projects.

Benefits to the Public

- Expands interior design options for consumers, ultimately lowering construction costs.
- Helps the public readily identify qualified interior designers.
- Allows the public to hold practitioners accountable for malpractice.

Continuing Education

Interior design is continuously evolving as a profession as we change how we use and understand the interior environment. As such, most states require those registered to complete continuing education courses to ensure that practitioners are up to date on best practices. Many states require at least some of those hours directly relate to health, safety, and wellness.

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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