

1800.2100 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.

Subpart 1. **Examination requirement.** An applicant for certification as a certified interior designer shall pass an examination administered by CIDQ except that an examination is not required of an applicant certified under subpart 5. An applicant for certification under part 1800.0800, item H, must satisfy the Minnesota certification requirements in effect at the time of the applicant's original certification in the other state.

Subp. 2. Education and experience requirement.

A. To qualify for certification as a certified interior designer, an applicant must present evidence that the applicant has completed the education and experience requirements in this subpart.

(1) The curriculum composition and class content of an applicant's qualifying education must at minimum be substantially equivalent to a bachelor's degree in interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) or its predecessor, the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER). The education requirement must be fulfilled by one of the following options as described:

(a) graduation from a four- or five-year professional-level interior design program resulting in a bachelor's or master's degree, which includes completion of 60 semester credits or 90 quarter credits of interior design course content from a program accredited by CIDA or its predecessor, FIDER;

(b) graduation prior to June 1, 2013, from a two-year preprofessional or paraprofessional program in interior design accredited by CIDA or its predecessor, FIDER;

(c) graduation prior to June 1, 2013, from a three-year professional level program in interior design accredited by CIDA or its predecessor, FIDER;

(d) graduation from an accredited institution of higher education and 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours of postsecondary interior design coursework that leads to a degree, certificate, or diploma from an accredited institution of higher education; or

(e) for an applicant with a foreign degree, an education evaluation accepted by CIDQ that demonstrates an education equivalent to the requirements in unit (d). The applicant must include a verified copy of the evaluation report with the application to the board.

(2) Experience must be under the direct supervision of a certified interior designer, NCIDQ certificate holder, or licensed architect. Experience gained prior to June 1, 2013, may be under the direct supervision of an interior designer.

(a) If the applicant meets the educational requirements of item A, subitem (1), unit (a), (d), or (e), the experience required is completion of the Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP), as provided by CIDQ or its successor, or a minimum of two years of qualifying interior design experience.

(b) If the applicant meets the educational requirements of item A, subitem (1), unit (b), the experience required is completion of a minimum of four years of qualifying interior design experience.

(c) If the applicant meets the educational requirements of item A, subitem (1), unit (c), the experience required is completion of a minimum of three years of qualifying interior design experience.

B. Experience must be diversified in the practice of interior design for public spaces and include all ten of the following knowledge areas, documented as required by the board:

- (1) space planning;
- (2) building code research and analysis;
- (3) programming;
- (4) schematic design and design development;
- (5) preparation of construction documents;
- (6) cost estimating;
- (7) specification of building materials and finishes;
- (8) specification of furnishings, fixtures, and equipment;
- (9) bidding/negotiating procedures; and
- (10) construction administration.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 35 SR 2011]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 35 SR 2011]

Subp. 5. **Applicants licensed as architects.** A person licensed as an architect in Minnesota who seeks certification as an interior designer shall submit an application to the board together with the required fee and shall be certified with no further requirements.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 197.4552; 214.12; 326.06*

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