

CIDA Degree

(ROUTE 1)

<p>Education Bachelor's or Master's degree from a CIDA-accredited interior design program.</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 3 96 sem/144 qtr credits completed</p>			<p>Up to 1,760 hours of work experience can be earned before education is completed.²</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 4 Education completed</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDFX</p>	<p>Work Experience 3,520 hours must be earned after all education is completed.³</p> <p>Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDPX/ PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM</p>
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5		YEAR 6		

Interior Design Degree – Non-CIDA

(ROUTE 2)

<p>Education Bachelor's degree (minimum) in an interior design program not accredited by CIDA.¹</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 3 96 sem/144 qtr credits completed</p>			<p>Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.²</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 4 Education completed</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDFX</p>	<p>Work Experience 3,520 hours must be earned after all education is completed.³</p> <p>Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDPX/ PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM!</p>
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5		YEAR 6		

Other Degree + Interior Design Degree

(ROUTE 3)

<p>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.</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 3 30 sem/45 qtr interior design credits completed</p>			<p>Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed.²</p> <p>BY END OF YEAR 4 Education completed</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDFX</p>	<p>Work Experience 3,520 hours qualified interior design experience.³</p> <p>Final 1,760 hours must be earned after all education is completed.</p>		<p>APPLY FOR IDPX/ PRAC TO COMPLETE THE EXAM!</p>
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5		YEAR 6		

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 IDFX NOW!	Work Experience 5,280 hours qualified interior design experience. ³ Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.			APPLY FOR EXAM!
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	

Associates Degree (40 Hrs) in Interior Design

(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. ³ Education must be complete before work experience can be earned. * This route is phasing out on December 31, 2018.				APPLY FOR EXAM!
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	

NAAB or CACB Degree

(ROUTE 6)

Education Bachelor's or Master's degree from an NAAB or CACB accredited architecture program. ⁴ BY END OF YEAR 5 - 6 Education completed		APPLY FOR IDFX NOW!	Work Experience 5,280 hours qualified interior design experience. ³ Education must be complete before work experience can be earned.		APPLY FOR EXAM!
5 - 6 YEARS			3 YEARS		

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

Go to www.ncidq.org to learn more and apply online!

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 If you receive academic credit for work experience, you cannot count that work toward NCIDQ's work experience requirement.

3 If you began accruing interior design work experience after January 1, 2008, you must earn qualified work experience in order to be eligible to take the NCIDQ Examination.

4 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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