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Overview of the NCIDQ Exam

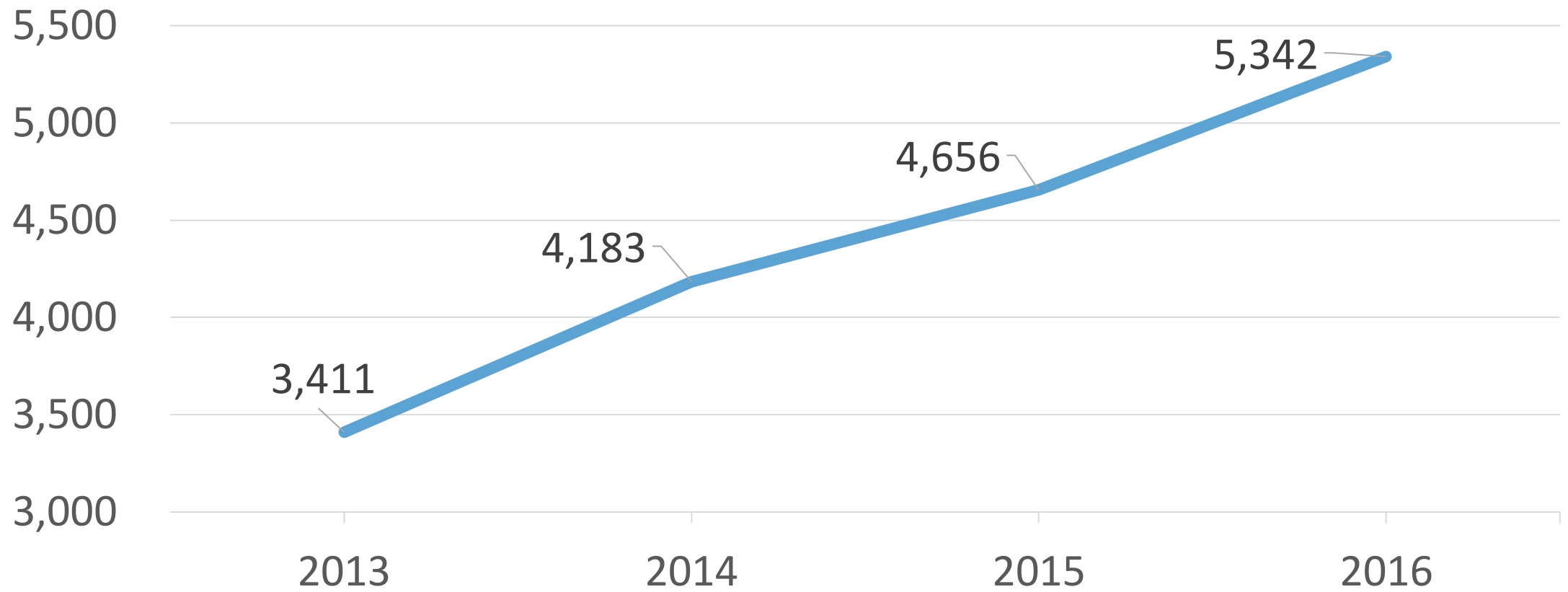
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Why is NCIDQ Certification important?



- Industry Standard
- Differentiator
- Recognized by nearly all regulated jurisdictions in the US and Canada as a requirement for registration/licensure/certification to practice

Number of Exams Administered



What You Need to Know

- Exam Information
- Dates, Deadlines, and Fees
- Application Process
- Scoring the Exam
- Certification



*For all information and questions, please visit our website at www.cidq.org.

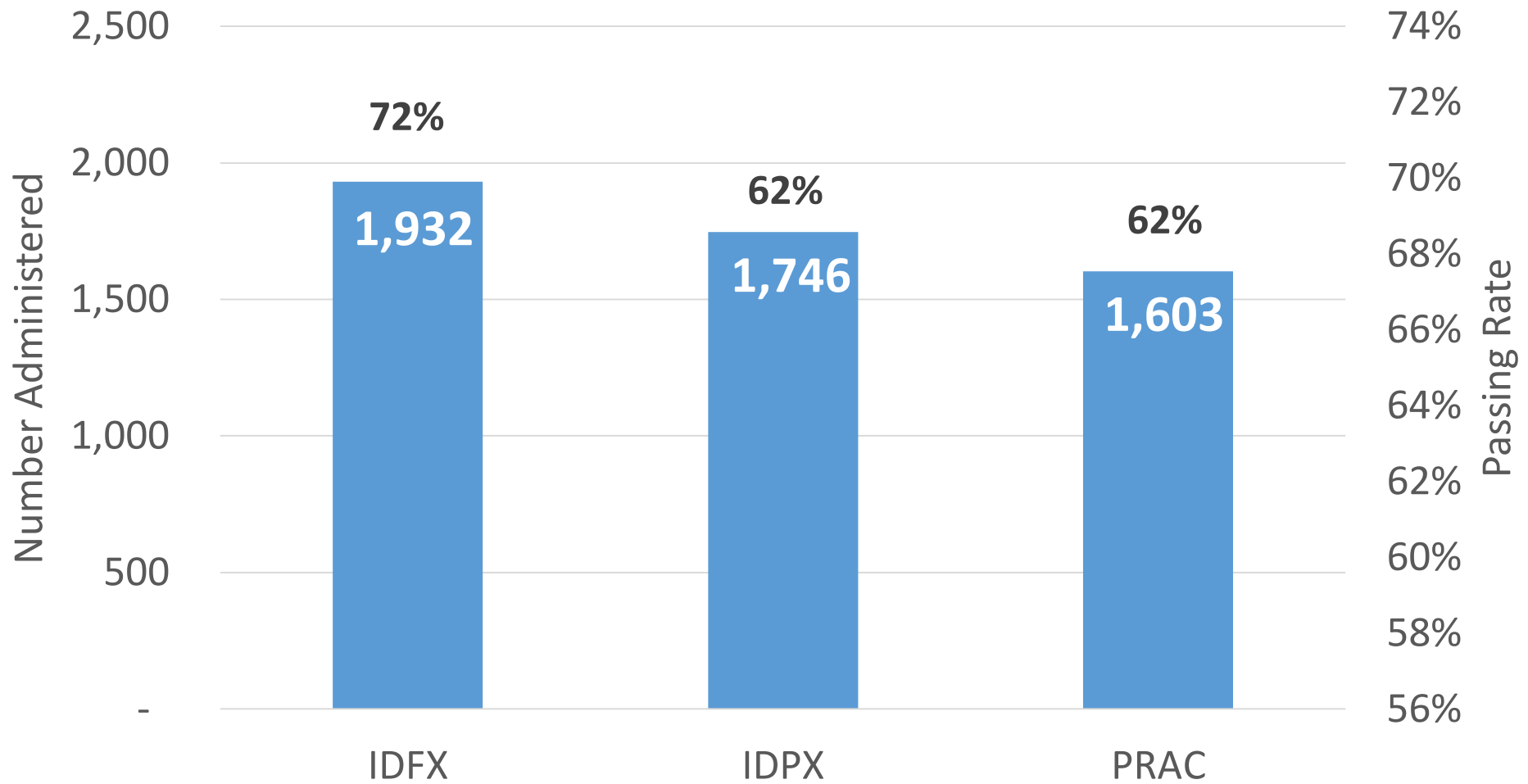
Exam Basics

- The NCIDQ Exam consists of 3 separate sections:

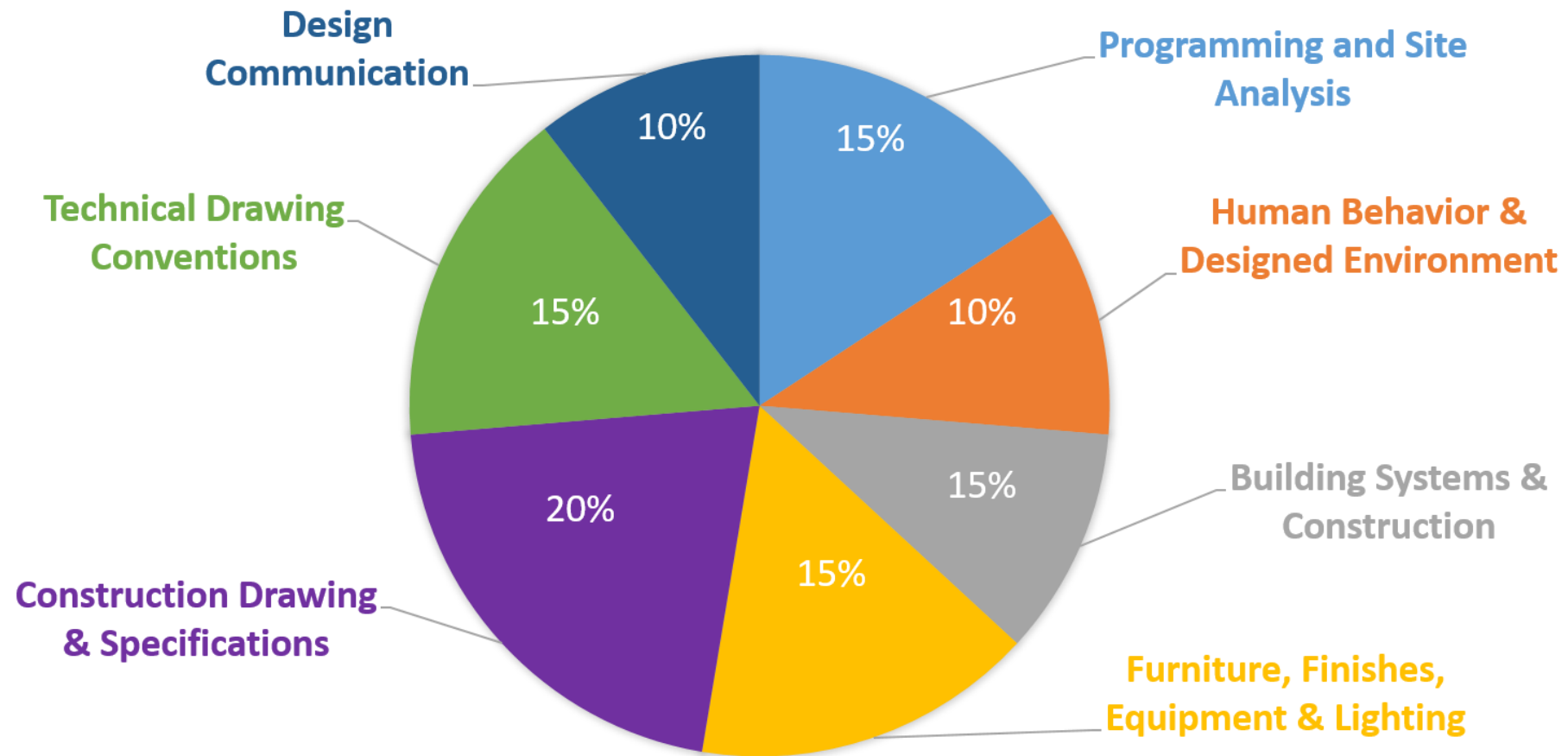
Name of Exam	Format	Number of Questions	Duration
Fundamentals (FX)	Multiple Choice	100	3 hours
Professional (PX)	Multiple Choice	150	4 hours
Practicum	Paper and Pencil	Seven Exercises	8 hours

- Beginning with the Fall 2017 administration, the Practicum will be a computerized exam and will no longer be administered via paper and pencil. This new version is referred to as Prac 2.0.

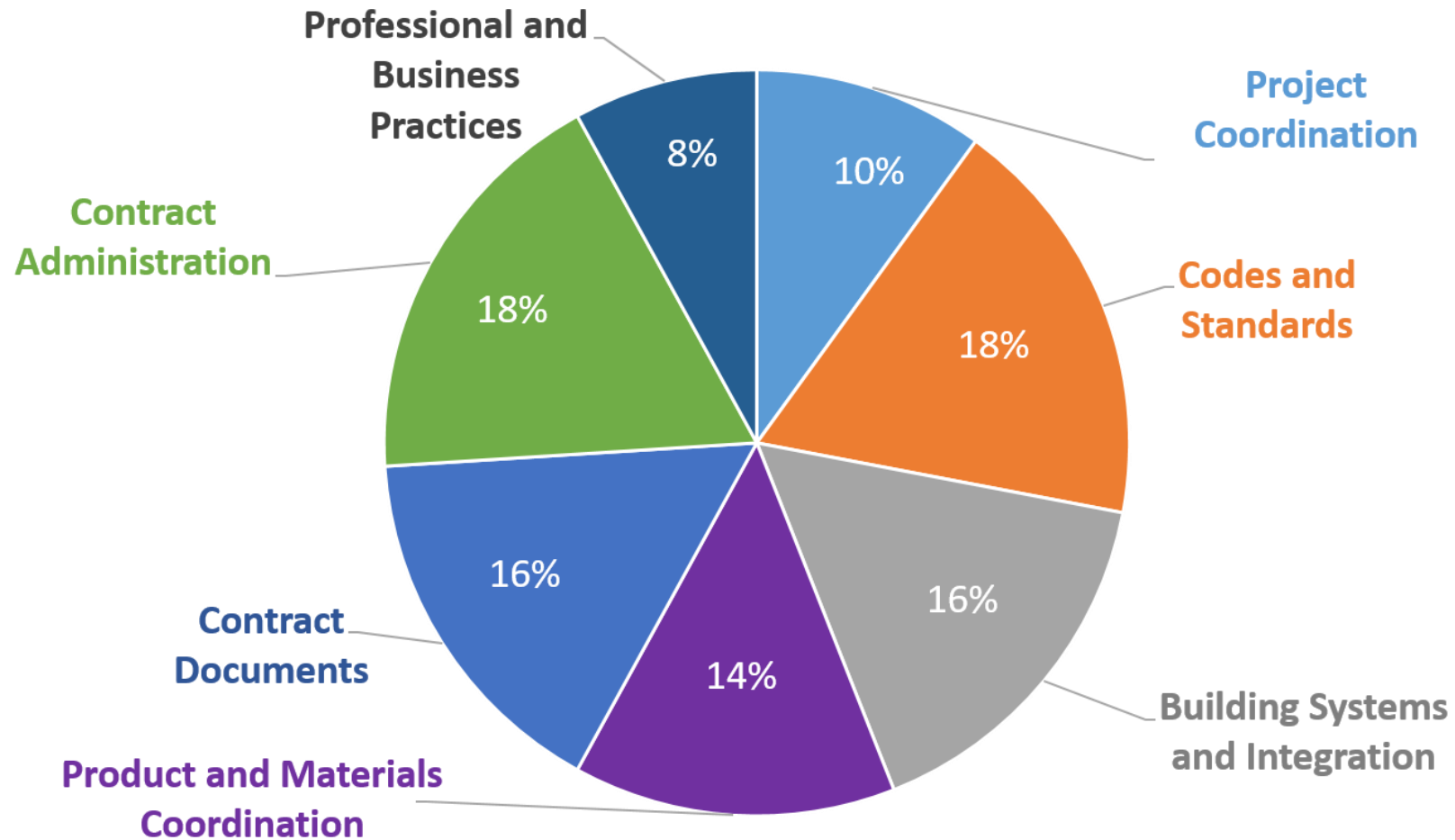
2016 Passing Rates



Exam Content Breakdown – Fundamentals (FX)



Exam Content Breakdown – Professional (PX)



Exam Content Breakdown – Practicum (Prac)

- Seven Exercises:

Exercise	Weight
Space Planning	23%
Lighting Design	11%
Egress	18%
Life Safety	18%
Restroom (Washroom)	9%
Systems Integration	12%
Millwork	9%

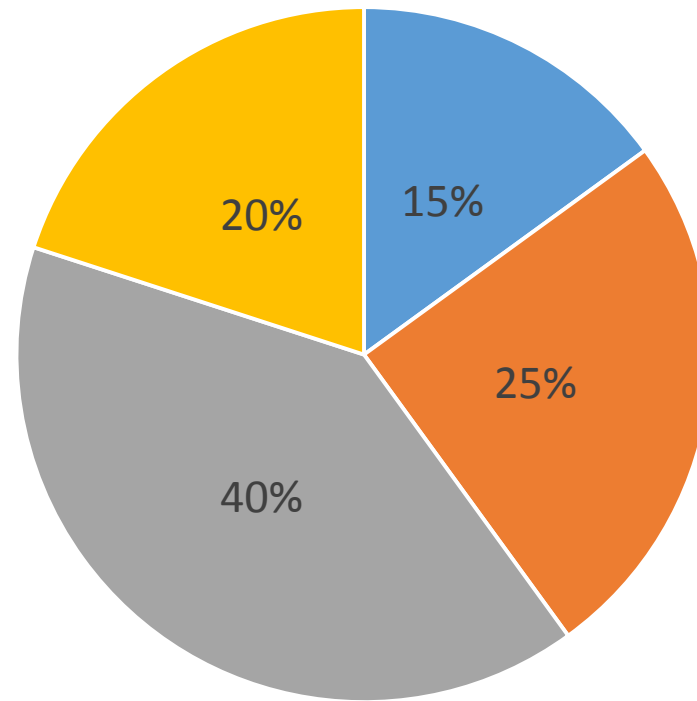
*Paper and Pencil version of the Practicum; last administration will be Spring 2017.

Recent News – Prac 2.0

- Beginning with the Fall 2017 administration, the Practicum exam will be delivered via computer rather than a paper and pencil exam.
- The exam will not be drawing based, but will include hot spot, fill in the blank, and drag and place questions for candidates to answer.



Exam Content Breakdown – Practicum (Prac 2.0)



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

*Computerized version of the Practicum; first administration will be Fall 2017.

Exam Blueprint – Contract Documents

- Contract Documents (40%)
 - Ability to develop, analyze, and/or review the following:
 - A detailed **floor plan** including construction plans, dimensions, and demolition plans
 - A **finished plan** for an interior space
 - A detailed **furniture plan**
 - A preliminary **elevation, sections, and details** including partition types and millwork
 - **Code required plans**, such as egress, accessibility, and specialty codes
 - A **reflected ceiling plan** including a lighting plan
 - **Schedules**
 - **Power, data, and communications plans**

Recent News – Prac 2.0

Key Points:

- Not Software specific - does not require CAD or Revit proficiency
- Approximately 150 questions/4 hours to complete
- Exam will be based on 3 separate case studies with provided resources

2017 Dates and Deadlines



Spring 2017 Exam Calendar

Apply:

Application Review Window Opens	November 15, 2016
Application Review Window Closes	January 15, 2017

Schedule:

Exam Scheduling Opens for All Exams	January 3, 2017
Practicum Early Bird Exam Scheduling Closes	February 10, 2017
Practicum Exam Scheduling Closes	February 17, 2017
Fundamentals (FX) and Professional (PX) Exams Scheduling Closes	March 30, 2017

Administered:

Practicum Exam Administered	April 1, 2017
Fundamentals (FX) and Professional (PX) Exams Administered	April 1-30, 2017

2017 Dates and Deadlines



Fall 2017 Exam Calendar	
Apply:	
Application Review Window Opens	May 15, 2017
Application Review Window Closes	July 15, 2017
Schedule:	
Exam Scheduling Opens for All Exams	July 1, 2017
Exam Scheduling Closes for All Exams	September 30, 2017
Administered:	
All Exams (FX, PX, and Prac 2.0) Administered	October 1-31, 2017

2017 Fees



<i>Application:</i>	
All Three Sections (FX, PX, and Practicum)	\$225
Fundamentals (IDFX)/IDFX Only	\$95
Professional (IDPX) + Practicum	\$145
<i>Scheduling:</i>	
Fundamentals (IDFX)/IDFX Only	\$295
Professional (IDPX)	\$345
Practicum Early Bird	\$450

Application Process



- To begin the application process, ensure that you have met the education and work experience requirements as detailed next.
- While applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, they are only reviewed during two periods of the year:
 - May 15 – July 15: Review for the following Fall Exam Administration
 - November 15 – January 15: Review for the following Spring Exam Administration
- Detailed information on the Application Process can be found at <http://www.cidq.org/apply>.

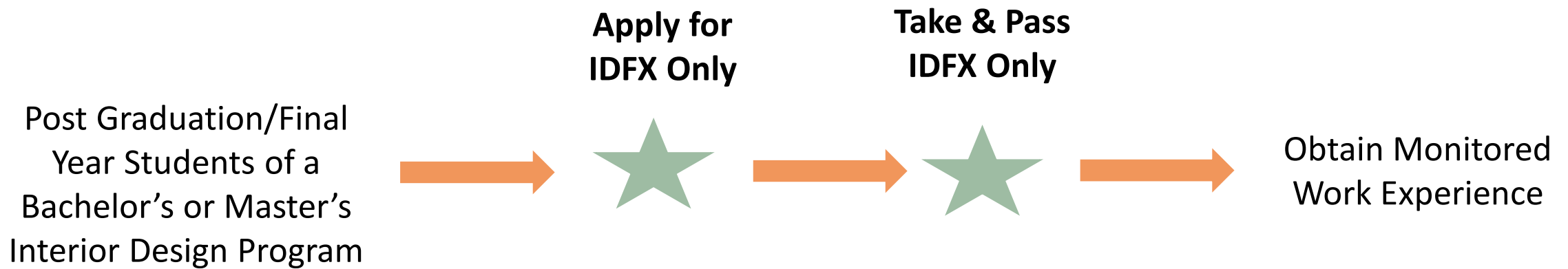
Application Process



- Prior to starting the application process, ensure you have gathered the necessary items to submit a complete application:
 - Transcript(s)
 - Three references (*You will need their contact information including email address.)
 - Work Experience Verification Forms

Application Timeline

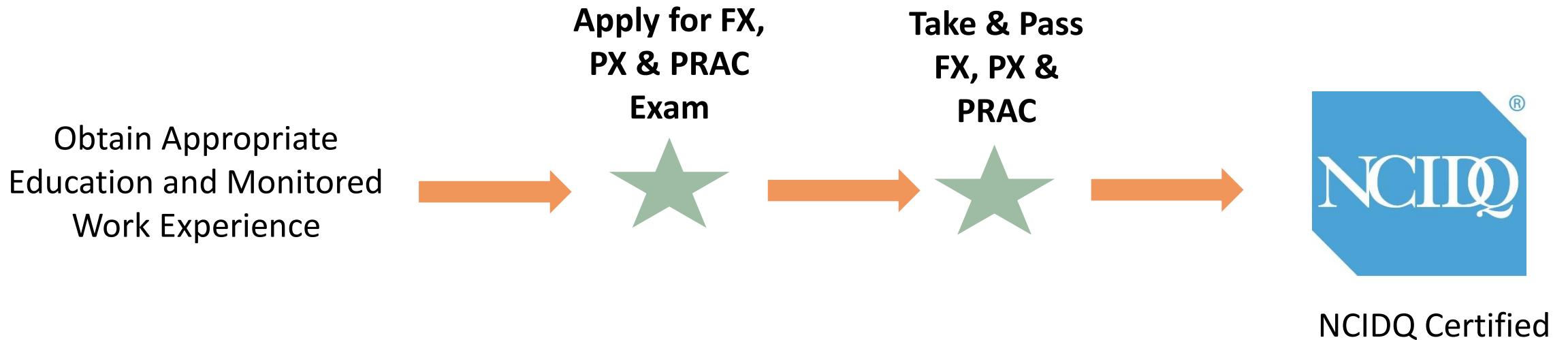
Applying for the Fundamentals (IDFX) Exam Only



*Approved application for IDFX Only is valid for 4 exam windows. This clock begins with the first exam window following your application approval.

Application Timeline

Applying for All 3 Sections of the NCIDQ Exam



*Approved application for all 3 sections is valid for 10 exam windows. This clock begins with the first exam window following your application approval.

Eligibility Routes and Work Experience

- Specific education and work experience requirements exist to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Exam.
- There are currently 7 routes which individuals can qualify to sit for the exam, all of which require work experience.
- For more information, visit the Eligibility Requirements section of our website at <http://www.cidq.org/eligibility-requirements>.



Sample Score Report

IDFX

April 18, 2016

Result: **Pass**

Score: **624**

Knowledge of and Skill in:	% Answered Correctly by Content Area
Programming and Site Analysis	87%
Human Behavior and the Designed Environment	90%
Building Systems and Construction	80%
Furniture, Finishes, Equipment and Lighting	80%
Construction Drawings and Specifications	80%
Technical Drawing Conventions	93%
Design Communication	70%

IDPX

October 14, 2016

Result: **Pass**

Score: **589**

Knowledge of and Skill in:	% Answered Correctly by Content Area
Project Coordination	87%
Codes and Standards	78%
Building Systems and Integration	75%
Product and Material Coordination	81%
Contract Documents	75%
Contract Administration	81%
Professional and Business Practices	67%

Sample Score Report

Practicum		September 24, 2016	
Result: Pass		Score: 921	
Exercise	Points Earned	Minimum Passing Points	Result
Space Planning	207	184	PASS
Lighting Design	99	88	PASS
Egress	162	144	PASS
Life Safety	180	144	PASS
Restroom [Washroom]	81	72	PASS
Systems Integration	120	96	PASS
Millwork	72	72	PASS

The information in the table above details your performance by exercise for the Practicum Exam. Passage or failure of the Practicum Exam is determined by whether the candidate's performance is below or above the overall passing point for the exam.

Each exercise is graded on a 5 point scale. Your exercise score (points earned) is determined by multiplying your grade by the weight of that particular exercise. The "minimum passing points" column shows the number of points necessary to pass a given section. Your cumulative points earned for each exercise comprise your total score. Additional information on the scoring process can be found at <http://www.cidq.org/scoring-process>. The points earned classification is for feedback only and no other evaluation will be provided. Graded exams are not available for candidate review.

Practicum		September 24, 2016	
Result: Fail		Score: 693	
Exercise	Points Earned	Minimum Passing Points	Result
Space Planning	92	184	FAIL
Lighting Design	88	88	PASS
Egress	180	144	PASS
Life Safety	72	144	FAIL
Restroom [Washroom]	81	72	PASS
Systems Integration	108	96	PASS
Millwork	72	72	PASS

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*Score report is for paper and pencil version of Practicum exam only. Sample score report for Prac 2.0 will be released at a later date.

Certification

- Why it matters:
 - Professionalism
 - Prestige
 - Opportunity
 - Job Eligibility
 - Leadership



Jurisdictional Registration

- All regulated jurisdictions in the US and Canada, with the exception of California, require passage of the NCIDQ Exam as a requirement for certification, registration or licensure.
- In order to practice many types of interior design in regulated jurisdictions, you must be registered, certified or licensed in that jurisdiction.
- Be sure to check with your jurisdiction to ensure you are in compliance with local laws and regulations.

*For more information, visit the Member Boards section of our website at <http://www.cidq.org/member-boards>.

Professional Organizations

- **American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)** – Members received the first year of Professional Membership free upon NCIDQ Certification
- **Interior Designers of Canada (IDC)** – Offer a variety of scholarships and bursaries, including the Wayne Thomson Bursary, which is awarded to one or more NCIDQ Exam candidates each year
- **International Interior Designer Association (IIDA)** – Offer the opportunity to apply for financial assistance upon passing all three parts of the NCIDQ Exam



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