

CIDQ

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Design Qualification

Overview of the NCIDQ Exam



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Why is NCIDQ Certification Important?

- Industry Standard
- Differentiator
- Recognized by nearly all regulated jurisdictions in North America

What You Need to Know

IMPORTANT

- Application Process
- Dates, Deadlines, and Fees
- Exam Information
- 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:

Exam Name	Format	Number of Questions	Duration
Fundamentals (FX)	Multiple Choice	100	3 hours
Professional (PX)	Multiple Choice	150	4 hours
Practicum	Hot Spot, Drag and Place, Fill in the Blank, Multiple Choice	120	4 hours

Eligibility Paths

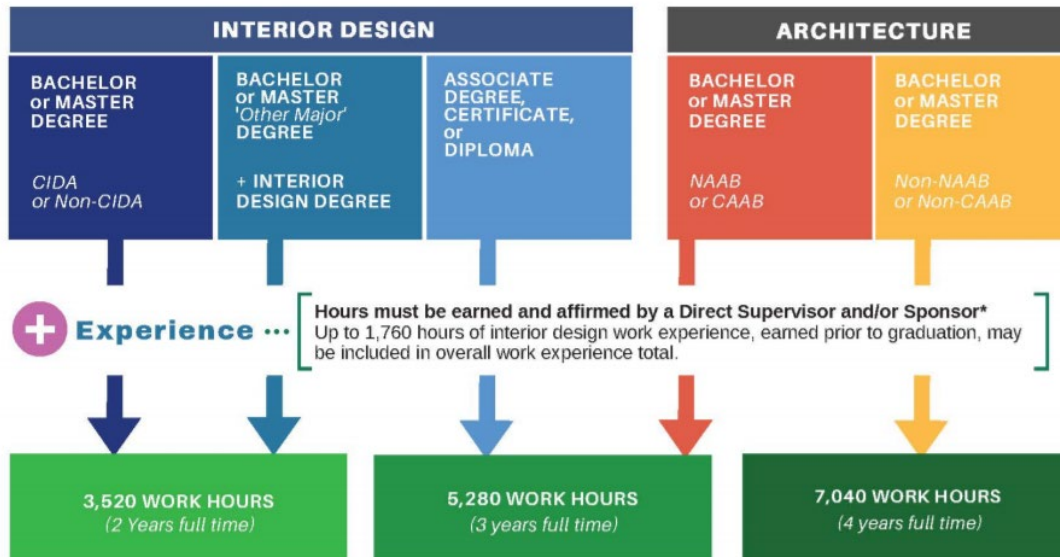
NCIDQ Examination Eligibility Paths

Specific education and work experience requirements exist to be eligible to sit for the NCIDQ Examination.



Education ...

Official education transcripts must include a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter credit hours of post-secondary interior design coursework that encompasses a certificate, degree, or diploma from an accredited institution, for an application to be reviewed.



Meeting CIDQ's education and work experience requirements does not guarantee that a candidate will meet their jurisdiction's requirements to be a licensed/registered/certified interior designer. Individuals are reminded to check with their jurisdiction regarding those specific requirements.

Work Experience Requirements

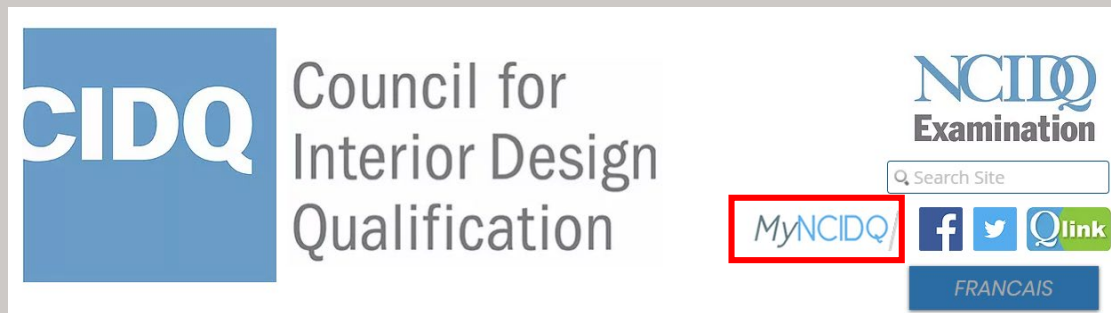
- New Rules:
 - All individuals, regardless of education, may earn up to 1,760 interior design work experience hours pre-graduation
 - All interior design work experience hours must now be signed off on by either a direct supervisor and/or sponsor

Work Experience Requirements

- Direct Supervisor and/or Sponsor must meet at least one of the following three criteria:
 - NCIDQ Certified Interior Designer
 - State/Provincial Licensed/Registered/Certified Interior Designer in the US or Canada
 - State/Provincial Licensed/Registered Architect in the US or Canada who provides interior design services

Application Process

- Create a MyNCIDQ Account – application process is done online and all fees are paid through your MyNCIDQ Account



Application Options

- Option 1 – Apply for all 3 exams
 - Meant for individuals who have completed both education and work experience
- Option 2 – Apply for IDFX Only, then apply for IDPX + Practicum Exams
 - Individuals who don't have their work experience hours completed can apply for the IDFX Only Exam, then apply for the IDPX + Practicum Exams once they have earned the required work experience hours

Application Materials

- Option 1 – Apply for all 3 exams
 - Mail in official, sealed copies of school transcript(s)
 - Upload completed work verification form(s) into your application on your MyNCIDQ Account
 - Pay \$225 application fee to submit application for review

*Approved application for all 3 sections is valid for 10 exam windows. This clock begins with the first exam window following your application approval. Detailed information on the Application Process can be found at <http://www.cidq.org/apply>.

Application Materials

- Option 2 – Apply for IDFX Only, then apply for IDPX + Practicum Exams
 - IDFX Only Application:
 - Mail in official, sealed copies of school transcript(s)
 - Pay \$95 application fee to submit application for review
 - IDPX + Practicum Application:
 - (if necessary) Mail in official, sealed copies of school transcript(s) that shows degree has been awarded
 - Upload completed work verification form(s) into your application on your MyNCIDQ Account
 - Pay \$145 application fee to submit application for review

*Approved application for IDFX Only is valid for 4 exam windows. This clock begins with the first exam window following your application approval. Eligibility for IDPX + Practicum is valid for 10 exam windows following approval of that application. Detailed information on the Application Process can be found at <http://www.cidq.org/apply>.

Next Steps

- Once Approved:
 - Register for and Scheduled your exam(s) via the Dashboard on your MyNCIDQ Account
 - Final and official scores are released 6-8 weeks following the end of exam administration via your MyNCIDQ Account

Dates and Deadlines

SPRING EXAM CALENDAR

Apply:

Complete Applications Accepted	July 16 – January 15
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Complete Applications Reviewed	November 15 – February 15
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Register:

Exam Registration & Scheduling	January 3 – March 31
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Administered:

All Exams Administered	April 1 – 30
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Dates and Deadlines

FALL EXAM CALENDAR

Apply:

Complete Applications Accepted	January 16 – July 15
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Complete Applications Reviewed	May 15 – August 15
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Register:

Exam Registration & Scheduling	July 1 – September 30
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Administered:

All Exams Administered	October 1 – 31
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Fees

Application:

All Three Sections (FX, PX, and Practicum)	\$225
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Fundamentals (IDFX)/IDFX Only	\$95
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Professional (IDPX) + Practicum	\$145
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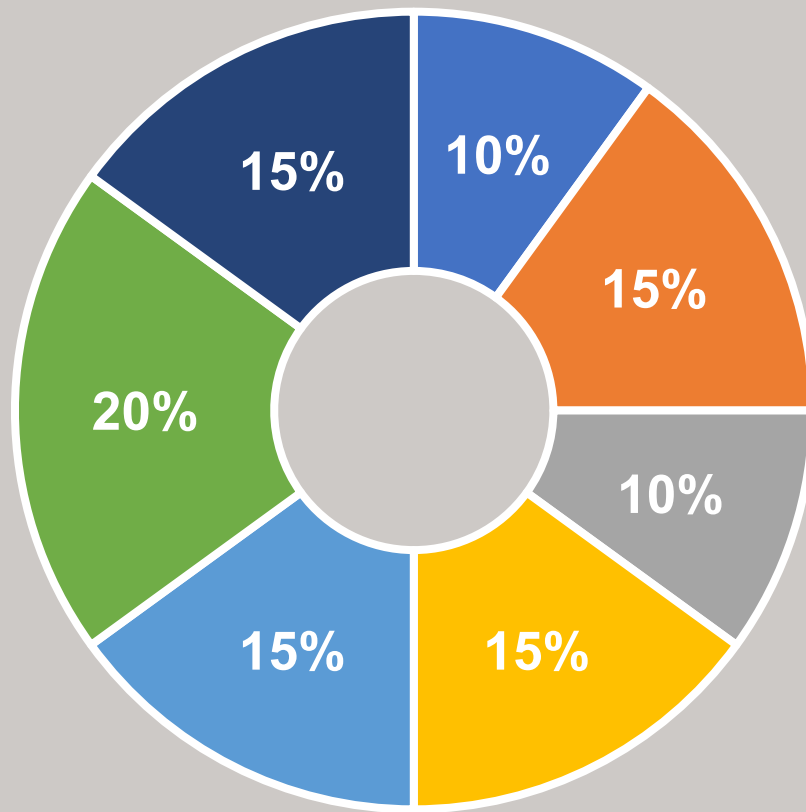
Registration:

Fundamentals (IDFX)/IDFX Only	\$295
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Professional (IDPX)	\$350
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Practicum	\$455
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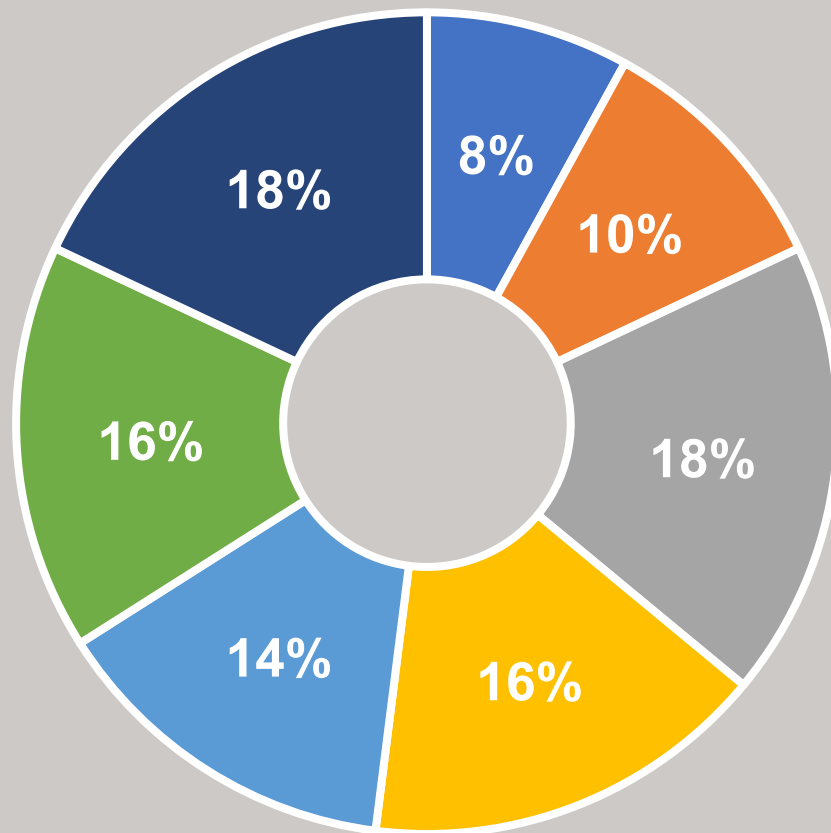
Exam Blueprint – Fundamentals (FX)



- Design Communication
- Programming and Site Analysis
- Human Behavior & Designed Environment
- Building Systems & Construction
- Furniture, Finishes, Equipment & Lighting
- Construction Drawing & Specifications
- Technical Drawing Conventions

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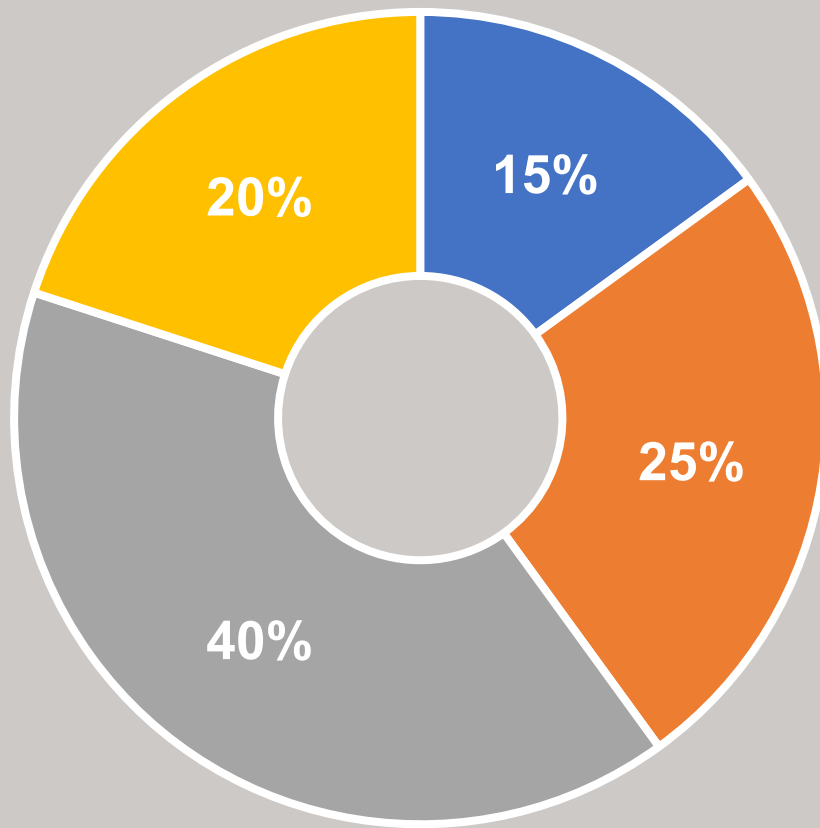
Exam Blueprint – Professional (PX)



- Professional and Business Practices
- Project Coordination
- Codes and Standards
- Building Systems and Integration
- Product and Materials Coordination
- Contract Documents
- Contract Administration

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Exam Blueprint – Practicum



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

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Recent News – Practicum Exam

- Starting October 2017, Practicum Exam offered in new computerized format
- No Drawing
- Hot spot, fill in the blank, multiple choice, and drag and place questions

Recent News – Practicum Exam

- Key Points:
 - Not software specific
 - 120 total questions
 - 4 hours in duration
 - 3 separate case studies with provided resources (tabs)

*Demo video can be found on the Practicum Exam page of CIDQ's website at www.cidq.org/practicum.

Day of Exam Experience



- Bring 2 forms of ID
 - 1 must be a valid government issued photo ID, such as passport or driver's license
 - Name on MyNCIDQ Account must match legal first and last name as seen on ID
- Check in with Exam Proctor

Day of Exam Experience



Take the Exam!

Studying Resources

EXAM BLUEPRINTS (CONTENT OUTLINE):

These resources outline the topics included in each exam.

[FUNDAMENTALS \(IDFX\) EXAM BLUEPRINT](#)

[PROFESSIONAL \(IDPX\) EXAM BLUEPRINT](#)

[PRACTICUM \(PRAC\) EXAM BLUEPRINT](#)

EXAM BUILDING CODES:

CIDQ has created and uses a specific, independent set of NCIDQ Exam Building Code Requirements for the purpose of taking the Practicum Exam. Exam exercises will be graded for compliance with these specific code requirements.

[NCIDQ EXAM BUILDING CODES](#)

EXAM REFERENCES:

This list contains resources used in the creation and development of the NCIDQ Examination. CIDQ would like to thank IDEC for their assistance in updating our reference list, as well as Fairchild Books for their donation of select texts.

[EXAM REFERENCE LIST](#)

EXAM PRACTICE QUIZZES:

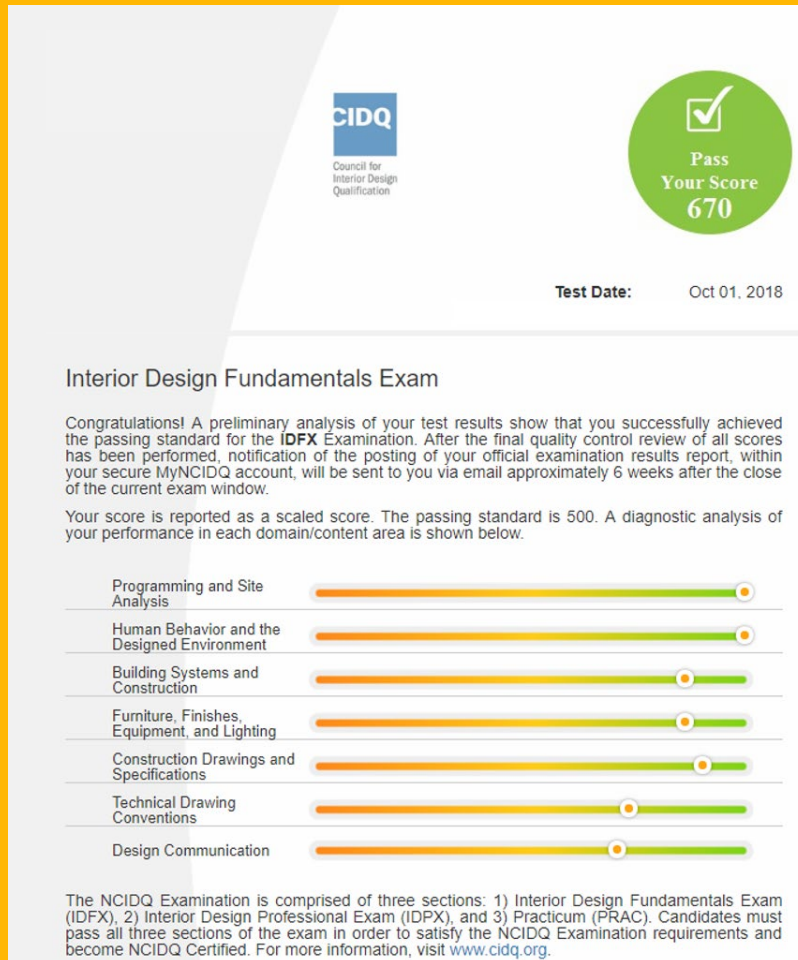
Test your readiness and prepare for the NCIDQ multiple-choice Exam Sections, by taking a practice quiz.

[PRACTICUM SMALL COMMERCIAL QUIZ](#)

[IDFX QUIZ 1 + IDFX QUIZ 2](#)

[IDPX QUIZ 1 + IDPX QUIZ 2](#)

Sample Preliminary Score Report



Certification

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



Jurisdictional Registration

- Be sure to check with your local jurisdiction to ensure you are in compliance with local laws and regulations.
- New York State Board Website:
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/id/>

Professional Organizations



Questions??



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