

Education, Experience and Examination Requirements for Membership in ARIDO

NCIDQ's Route 4 - Associate's Degree (60 credit hours) in Interior Design*

Applies to all graduates prior to July 1, 2015. Accepted by ARIDO until December 31, 2019.

Education No less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits of interior design coursework that culminates in a degree or three-year diploma.	Completion of education Join Provincial Regulatory Authority (ARIDO)	Qualified Work Experience 5,280 hours supervised Interior Design experience ¹ Education must be completed before work experience begins	Apply to write NCIDQ exams Pass all NCIDQ exams	Become an ARIDO Registered member with exclusive right to title.
Education & Experience - 6 years			Exam - 3 years	

NCIDQ's Route 2 - Interior Design Degree - Non-CIDA

Applies to all graduates prior to July 1, 2017. Accepted by ARIDO until December 31, 2021.

Education Bachelor's degree (minimum) in an Interior Design program not necessarily accredited by CIDA. 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.	Completion of education Join Provincial Regulatory Authority (ARIDO)	Qualified Work Experience 3,520 hours supervised Interior Design experience ¹ Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed ²	Apply to write NCIDQ exams Pass all NCIDQ exams	Become an ARIDO Registered member with exclusive right to title.
Education & Experience - 6 years			Exam - 3 years	

NCIDQ's Route 1 - Interior Design Degree - CIDA only

Applies to all graduates after July 1, 2017.

Education Bachelor's degree (minimum) from a CIDA-accredited interior design program ³	Completion of education Join Provincial Regulatory Authority (ARIDO)	Qualified Work Experience 3,520 hours supervised Interior Design experience ¹ Up to 1,760 hours of qualified work experience can be earned before education is completed ²	Apply to write NCIDQ exams Pass all NCIDQ exams	Become an ARIDO Registered member with exclusive right to title.
Education & Experience - 6 years			Exam - 3 years	

Qualified Work Experience

Employment Setting	Direct Supervision Value
Under a provincial licensed/registered interior designer in Canada	100%
Under an NCIDQ Certificate holder who meets the requirements of full membership of the Provincial Regulatory Authority (ARIDO)	100%
Under a licensed or registered architect who provides interior design services	100%
Under a designer who meets the requirements of the Provincial Regulatory Authority (ARIDO) who is not an NCIDQ Certificate holder nor licensed/registered in Canada	Maximum of 75% of total hours; remaining 25% must be from above employment settings
Examples: 100% value: 700 hours worked = 700 hours Maximum of 75% of 3,520 or 5,280 hours worked = 2,640 or 3,960 hours, respectively	

¹ You must earn qualified work experience in order to be eligible to take the NCIDQ Examination. **IDEP is optional but recommended as a structured, comprehensive program for earning your entry-level work experience.** By completing IDEP you automatically satisfy NCIDQ's supervised work experience requirement.

² If you receive academic credit for work experience, you cannot count that work toward NCIDQ's work experience requirement.

³ CIDA—the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. To qualify, the degree program must have been CIDA-accredited at graduation or must have become CIDA-accredited within two years following graduation.

* ARIDO's educational requirements match NCIDQ's Routes.

Note: These requirements match those of interior design associations across Canada and comply with the agreement on international trade established by Canada's premiers in 2009.