The New Jersey Coalition for Interior Design Legislation (NJCIDL) is a not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the profession of interior design in New Jersey and to protecting the Public’s Health, Safety and Welfare through interior design.

Your member contribution of only $50.00 is invaluable to continuing our work.

The New Jersey Coalition for Interior Design Legislation is dedicated to elevating the profession of interior design and enhancing the knowledge base of New Jersey’s Certified Interior Designers. For the past few years NJCIDL has offered a series of CEUs from a variety of notable speakers who have presented CEUs that meet the State’s Health, Safety and Welfare requirements for New Jersey Certified Interior Designers and provide quality information for all designers.

Last September 2012, Valerie Fletcher, the Executive Director of the Institute for Human Centered Design, presented an inspiring CEU that paired the principles of universal design and environmental sustainability with research focused on “features to be usable by the widest range of people operating in the widest range of situations without special or separate design.” She presented both commercial and residential projects with ‘human-centered’ examples from around the world with emphasis upon the entire spectrum of human ability within the intersection of design. She spoke of not only ‘problem-solving’ in design but also how policy decisions influence better design.

Watch your e-mail for upcoming CEU presentations sponsored by NJCIDL that will continue to fulfill the NJ Interior Design certification requirement for Health Safety and Welfare and will provide current and inspiring information for all interior designers.

NEW IHCD Publication

Professor Froyen has written an extraordinary book that captures the history and context of the inclusive design movement internationally. He analyzes the opportunity for moving beyond the conceptual commitment to universal design and shares a strategy for tying Christopher Alexander’s Pattern Language to user/expert engagement on a large scale that would deliver a greater diversity of ideas, forms and materials for the spectrum of man-made environments to be more inclusively designed. To order a copy please contact Willa Crolius at wcrolius@ihcdesign.org or call (617) 695 1225 x235.
NCIDQ Exam Candidates really need to know

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IDFX AND IDPX

What are the IDFX and IDPX?
These are NCIDQ’s two multiple-choice exams administered through our partner, Prometric. IDFX: Interior Design Fundamentals Exam (3 hours, 125 questions, US$255) Programming, Design Application, Building Systems, Construction Document Standards, Drawing Standards and Design Communication IDPX: Interior Design Professional Exam (4 hours, 175 questions, US$300)

Codes, Building Systems, Specifications, Construction Document Standards, Contract Administration, Project Coordination and Professional Practice

When are these exams given?
The IDFX and IDPX are given over a nine-day window each spring and fall at Prometric test centers. Exams will be administered Monday through Saturday. Registration will be completed throughout Prometric’s system rather than your MyNCIDQ account. We will advise you when email and how to register.

Where are Prometric test centers located?
You can choose from any of more than 300 locations in the United States and Canada. If you have taken the LEED or ARE exams, it is the same test network.

How do I make a reservation for a test?
NCIDQ will email you when registration is open. First, read the Guide to the IDFX and IDPX Examinations, which will contain complete information regarding the upcoming administration. Then, you will register online through Prometric’s web site or via their toll-free number. The process is similar to booking an airline reservation. You will choose the location where you want to test and the day you want to test. The system will tell you what times are available based on the length of the exam(s) you are taking. You’ll make your selection and provide your payment information. The system will email you a confirmation with all the details of your test center.

We recommend reserving your place as early as possible to ensure that you get the date/location you want. Prometric tests many different kinds of candidates with exams of varying lengths on any given day, so you should have an alternate day in mind in case your first choice isn’t available.

How far in advance do I have to reserve my space?
It is your choice. You can register as soon as you’re notified registration is open or you can wait until the day before you want to test. Obviously, the earlier you reserve, the more choices you’ll have. Prometric also accepts same-day or walk-in reservations, provided space is available. You can only test during the established window, so if you wait too long, you may not get your desired location or you may miss the testing window completely.

2013 Annual Legislative Symposium

The 2013 ASID National Legislative Symposium, held in Dallas, TX was a gathering of interior design professionals and leaders from ASID and IIDA. The event provided insight into the struggles and successes of the interior design legislative processes throughout the United States. In addition to a general assembly, there were a number of break-out sessions that focused on arming interior designers with powerful tools to use when navigating the legislative process and shaping the future of interior design.

4. It is critical to build and nurture relationships with community leaders and other professionals in order to garner support for the legislation.
5. For first-timers, it was eye opening, for seasoned veterans, it was an opportunity to swap stories and share best practices.

Still have questions?
Visit www.ncidq.org or www.prometric.com for more information!

EYE ON IT
Legislation
Interior Designers contribute to society has an impact on the economy, by specifying materials and creating jobs. Over $75 billion worth of products and services were specified nationally for interior products in one year, with Interior Designers responsible for 82% of that market, while architectural firms 15% and furniture dealers only 2%. Legislation protects the Public with the Certified Interior Designer being well versed in Health, Safety and Welfare.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Please visit the Coalition for Interior Design Legislation website for information about NJCIDL and upcoming events at www.njcidl.org.