



Policy I.2: Position Statement on Licensing/ Registration/ Certification

Purpose: To update the Association's position on licensing/registration/certification of interior designers.

Intent: To promote the licensure/ registration and/or certification of interior designers. The Association recognizes and supports an interior designer's contribution to and their effect on health, safety and welfare.

Position

The International Interior Design Association recognizes and supports the adoption of legislation that allows individuals to be licensed/registered/certified interior designers. Licensure/registration/certification assists the profession in establishing and maintaining standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

Licensure is within the purview of state, provincial or national regulation. IIDA's position is to promote licensure/ registration and/or certification for interior designers. IIDA encourages its members to seek enforceable legislation needed for individuals to provide services as licensed/registered/certified interior designers conforming to the following standards:

- a. Minimum design education accredited by CIDA, or equivalent;
- b. Requirement for professional experience;
- c. That the National Council for Interior Design Qualification NCIDQ be the primary and sole vehicle for examination for the interior design profession;
- d. A code of guidelines for professional practice and ethics;
- e. A schedule for requiring continuing education;
- f. Grandfathering with education, experience and examination criteria;
- g. A clear definition of "interior designer" as developed by NCIDQ; and
- h. Sealing privileges to substantiate documentation preparation by a licensed/registered/certified interior designer.

IIDA promotes membership in state, provincial and national coalitions which advocate licensure, registration and certification of interior designers.

IIDA firmly believes that legal recognition, achieved through licensing/registration/certification, safeguards the health, safety and welfare of the general public, brings uniformity to the profession, defines responsibility, and encourages excellence in the interior design industry.

IIDA will support only those regulatory and legislative activities, which stipulate that the interior design profession is a single profession, regardless of specialty of practice areas and that the NCIDQ examination (including all of its parts) is the basis for testing minimum competency for interior designers.