

New Work Experience Requirements FAQs

1. If a candidate has submitted an application before February 1, 2024, and it is in the queue to be reviewed for eligibility, will the candidate have to satisfy the new work experience requirements?

ANSWER: If the application is submitted before February 1, 2024, and is subsequently approved, the candidate will be approved based on the existing work experience requirements. If, however, the application is not approved, then the new work experience requirements will apply.

2. If a candidate submits an application after February 1 but already has verified work experience hours and those hours were not broken down by design category, will they need to have those hours re-verified?

ANSWER: Candidates can either include another position, if applicable, that has at least 1500 hours broken down by design category or they will need to have the existing work experience hours re-verified by their direct supervisor/sponsor and include the design category breakdowns.

3. When will candidates be able to start documenting their hours in their MyNCIDQ account in the format needed for the new requirements that go into effect on February 1, 2024?

ANSWER: Candidates can now begin documenting the minimum hours needed in the specific design categories. However, they will not be a requirement until February 1, 2024.

4. If a candidate applied for the IDFX (Route 2, Part 1) section of the exam and has completed/passed it before February 1, 2024, but has not yet gained the work experience to sit for the IDPX/PRAC, will they be required to adhere to the new requirements or will they be grandfathered in?

ANSWER: If the minimum work experience has not been acquired for the IDPX/PRAC exam application, and therefore has not been submitted/approved before February 1, 2024, candidates will need to adhere to the new work experience requirements.

5. Do the work experience changes affect interior design students who apply using the IDFX (Route 2, Part 1) during their senior year?

ANSWER: No, not initially. Candidates using the IDFX (Route 2, Part 1) application are only submitting their transcript and no work experience. However, if a candidate uses an internship as part of their work experience, they will need to document those hours as per the new minimum design categories as of February 1, 2024.

6. Is there a tool available that could help candidates/students track their experience for each of the design categories?

ANSWER: No, it is as simple as keeping an EXCEL spreadsheet of weekly hours worked per design category, almost like a timesheet.