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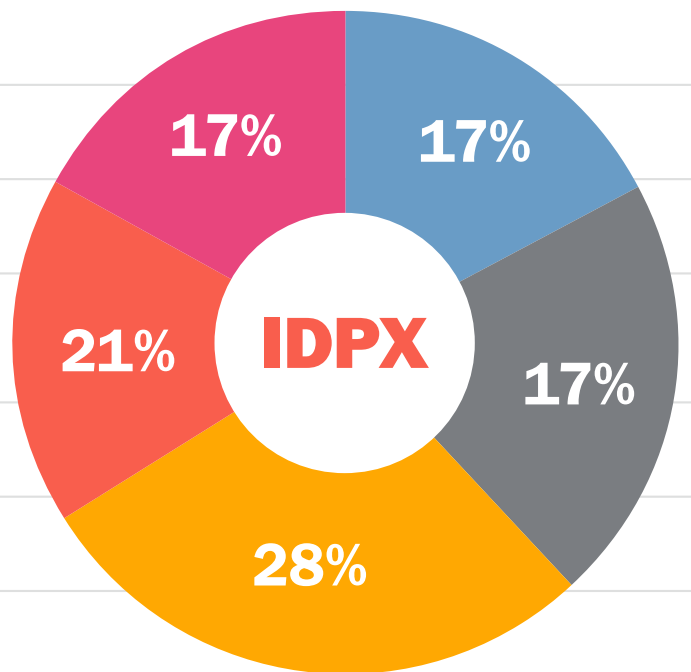
Interior Design Professional Exam

THIS BLUEPRINT APPLIES TO EXAMS IN 2026 AND FORWARD

The Interior Design Professional Exam (IDPX) focuses on the construction administration and project management phases of interior design, with an emphasis on Health, Safety, and Welfare.

- 3 hours
- 115 questions (15 will be pre-test questions)
- Multiple Choice, Drag and Place, Fill in the Blank, Hot Spot

- I. Feasibility Studies 17%
- II. Scheduling and Budgeting 17%
- III. Contracts, Procurement, and Permitting 28%
- IV. Construction Process 21%
- V. Site Observation and Close-Out 17%



I. Feasibility Studies

17%

Evaluate Project Feasibility and Due Diligence

- applicable codes and reference standards
- building types

- client expectations and goals
- energy requirements
- existing conditions analysis
- feasibility studies
- occupancy types
- project funding sources
- square footage requirements
- zoning

Identify Project Stakeholders

- participatory design
- project funding sources
- project requirements
- roles and responsibilities
- stakeholder requirements
- stakeholder surveys
- types of stakeholders

Manage Project Team

- code officials
- construction manager
- internal staffing requirement
- operator and/or brand representative
- outsourced consultants
- owner/owner's representative
- roles and responsibilities

II. Scheduling and Budgeting

17%

Manage Project Schedule

- approval management
- client expectations and goals
- construction process
- dependencies
- lead times
- project phasing
- resource management
- schedule components (e.g., critical path, milestone, inspection checkpoint)
- staffing availability
- time implications of construction types

Manage Project Budget

- allowances and contingencies
- cost estimating (e.g., labor, product, market)
- funding sources
- lead time cost impacts
- market variations and pricing
- preferred pricing
- preferred vendors and manufacturers
- product sourcing techniques
- socioeconomic impacts on costs
- soft costs vs hard costs
- tax credits
- value engineering

III. Contracts, Procurement, and Permitting

28%

Facilitate Procurement/Bid (Tender) Process

- alternates and allowances
- bid structure (e.g., design-bid-build, design-build)
- budgeting and cost estimating
- FF&E vs construction procurement
- lead times
- liability
- market pricing
- parameters of maintenance
- procurement delivery and installation
- purchase orders
- value engineering

Manage Proposals and Contracts

- accounting and billing practices
- exclusions and additional services
- fee structure
- legal considerations
- liability
- project scope
- proposal types
- request for proposal process
- request for qualifications process
- scope of services
- types of agreements (e.g., architect-consultant, FF&E, leasing, owner-architect)
- types of contracts (e.g., professional services, construction)

Obtain Project Approvals

- approval process procedures
- budget approvals
- building permit approvals
- change approvals
- client sign-offs
- critical sign-off stages
- design phase approvals
- schedule approvals

Participate in Permit Process

- applicable codes and reference standards
- code required drawings
- jurisdictional processes
- process timing
- roles and responsibilities

IV. Construction Process

21%

Facilitate the Construction Process

- approval process
- construction meetings
- mockups
- product data
- prototypes
- RFIs
- roles and responsibilities
- samples (e.g., cutting for approvals (CFAs), strike-offs)
- shop drawings
- submittals

Participate in Change Management

- approval process
- bulletins
- change directive
- change order
- change process procedures

- client management
- cost implications of changes
- how to record changes in contract documents
- liability
- roles and responsibilities
- schedule impacts of changes
- substitutions
- value engineering

V. Site Observation and Close-Out

17%

Perform Site Visits

- construction means and methods
- construction safety
- field reports
- liability
- mockups
- pay applications
- quality of work
- roles and responsibilities

Conduct Project Close-Out

- archiving of projects
- certificates of occupancy (e.g., temporary, final)
- close-out procedures
- commissioning
- end user satisfaction
- liability
- maintenance manuals
- post-occupancy evaluation
- progress inspections vs final inspections
- project record management
- punch (deficiency) lists
- roles and responsibilities
- substantial completion vs final completion