

NCIDQ Examination

PRACTICUM CASE STUDY STANDARDS

Please review the guidelines outlined below for details regarding the type of Case Studies candidates will be exposed to on the Practicum exam.

The Programming Requirements document that defines each Case Study will include the following elements:

- Project Description
- Building Standards (Policies and technical criteria set by building owner for Structural, Electrical, Energy Conservation, and Fire Protection System)
- Zoning Ordinance
- Basic Building Information
- Project Requirements
- Programming Requirements

LARGE COMMERCIAL CASE STUDY

- 4 to 5 story building or high rise
- Typically use two floors, one being on the ground level
- No Basement
- May include incidental spaces

SMALL COMMERCIAL CASE STUDY

- 1 story or multi-story building
- Ground level
- No Basement
- May include incidental spaces

RESIDENTIAL CASE STUDY

- Multi-family High Rise
- Unit may be located on ground level or 2nd floor
- No Basement or Parking
- Will not include Incidental spaces

FAQs

1. What information will be used to determine Occupant loads?

CIDQ will use the Occupant Load Table provided in the 2018 IBC. The applicable 2018 IBC codes document will be provided to candidates as part of each Case Study.

2. Will the Code information being tested beginning in 2021 be more detailed than it was when using the NCIDQ Exam Codes?

The 2018 International Building Code (IBC) is more comprehensive than the NCIDQ Exam Codes. The applicable Chapter/Sections from IBC will be provided as part the Case Study for each question. It is important for candidates to be familiar with the Chapters/Sections of IBC that are interior design related.

3. For calculations, how should decimal points be rounded?

Any Code related calculations like Occupancy load or fixture counts, Code dictates that regardless of the decimal point designation—you always round up. For other calculations such as area, wattage per square foot, etc., you round up for .5 and above and down for less than .5.

4. What Code information should be studied for the IDFX & IDPX Exams?

Exam Code related questions on the IDFX & IDPX exams are based on IBC 2018 just as in the Practicum exam. The difference is that on the IDFX & IDPX exams the question will frame the Code information needed to answer the question. Candidates will not be referencing a Code document.