

**MISSION-DRIVEN**

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At the core of CIDQ's mission and vision is the NCIDQ Exam – and woven tightly around this core are strategic drivers that support the organization and its stakeholders, as well as the industry writ large. Over the past few years, CIDQ has been actively engaging with other advocacy and credentialing organizations in an effort to support our shared missions.

[See how we're staying virtually connected](#)

**SETTING THE STANDARD**

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

CIDQ introduced a new NCIDQ Exam blueprint this spring reflecting the findings of our most recent Practice Analysis (PA). The findings from the PA are used to create an exam content “blueprint” which guides our subject matter experts (SMEs), all NCIDQ Certificate holders, in generating exam questions under the guidance of our exam development consultants.

[Learn more about the scoring process](#)

# NCIDQ Examination

**UPDATES**

With the release of the official spring 2021 score results, CIDQ announced the addition of [535 new NCIDQ certificate holders!](#) REMEMBER to proudly use the NCIDQ appellation that you worked so hard to achieve!

**2021 Comparative Overall Exam Pass Rates:**

IDFX: 61% | IDPX: 60% | PRAC: 54%

Applications for fall will be accepted thru July 31st, 2021. The exam payment and scheduling period is open thru September 30th.

CIDQ supports legislation that allows NCIDQ certificate holders to practice to the fullest extent of their professional capabilities. Learn how you can help support interior design regulation and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Stop by often to see what's happening in your jurisdiction.

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Join us for the first of a NEW series - **CIDQ Advocacy – a quarterly webinar**

CIDQ is proud to announce that on **July 14, 2021, at 2:00 pm EST**, we will be holding our first ever advocacy webinar as a new benefit for **CIDQ member boards**. This new webinar series will provide an opportunity for member boards to experience educational content, hear from guest speakers, receive professional updates, and connect with your counterparts in other jurisdictions.

For our first webinar, our Government Affairs and Advocacy Manager Matt Barusch will be providing a 2021 Legislative Update to member boards. The 2021 state legislative session was a busy one for interior design regulation, and there have been a lot of legislative developments in the profession. This webinar will walk you through all the proposed bills, enacted laws, and new state interior design regulations. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A period, and an open forum for member board members to engage with one another.

**Register today!** Contact [Matt Barusch](#) if you have any questions. We hope to see everyone there!

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[cidq.org/apply](http://cidq.org/apply)

### Applying for the NCIDQ Exam?

Here's an inside look at the application process. This video will visually help inform and guide candidates with account setup, application routes, transcript submission, payment, and status notification. Start your NCIDQ journey and apply now!

**Watch** and share with all the students and potential candidates in your networks – and encourage them to apply for the NCIDQ Exam!

### CIDQ Wants You!

Are you passionate about maintaining the standards of the profession? Do you have a desire to evolve and elevate the reputation of interior design? Do you have the commitment and skill to work diligently with a group of dedicated colleagues? Share your interests, experiences and some of the reasons our volunteer community appeals to you by completing our [Volunteer Interest Form](#) by August 31st – for service starting in 2022.

CIDQ will welcome back our exam development volunteers to our first in-person Item Writing/Review meeting in mid-July. We will continue to support those committee members who are unable to attend in-person due to travel restrictions or not yet feeling comfortable traveling by connecting them virtually. We look forward to welcoming you back!



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Sarah Schwuchow, ASID, NCIDQ, RID**  
**NCIDQ Certificate No. 33737**

Sarah Schwuchow, owner and principal interior designer at Sarah Jacquelyn Interiors, shares her NCIDQ journey, why NCIDQ matters, the value of being jurisdictionally registered, and the importance

of paying it forward.



### [Get to Know Sarah.](#)

#### CIDQ Member Board News

The DC Board of Architecture Interior Design & Landscape Architecture currently has a vacancy for an Interior Designer member.

- Applicants MUST be a DC resident and DC-licensed Interior Designer.
- The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor. Four members are architects, two are interior designers, two are landscape architects, and one is a consumer member.
- Meetings are every six weeks on Friday mornings from 9:30-12:30, currently via Webex (in person, they are at DCRA on 4th St SW).
- More information is available here: <https://dcra.dc.gov/architects>

APPLY HERE:

<https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/EI1TG8/Board-Of-Architecture-Interior-Designers-And-Landscape-Architecture>

#### LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER!

**CIDQ Annual Meeting  
November 12 & 13, 2021  
Minneapolis, MN**

State and provincial regulatory board staff, their Delegates, and representatives from interior design professional organizations will come together this year – *in person* – to discuss CIDQ, the NCIDQ Exam, and issues related to the interior design profession. Attendees will be able to learn key strategic initiatives, exchange ideas and tools, and collaborate with their peers.

**We can't wait to SEE you again!**

