

NCIDQ's New Definition of Interior Design

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INTERIOR DESIGN QUALIFICATION (NCIDQ) HAS APPROVED A NEW DEFINITION OF INTERIOR DESIGN.

Interior design is multifaceted profession in which creative and technical solutions are applied within a structure to archive a built interior environment. These solutions are functional, enhance the quality of life and culture of the occupants, and are aesthetically attractive. Designs are created in response to and coordinate with the building shell, and acknowledge the physical location and social context of the project. Designs must be adhere to code and regulatory requirements, and encourage the principles of environmental sustainability. The interior design process follows a systematic and coordinate methodology, including search, analysis, and integration of knowledge into the creative process, whereby the needs and resources of the client are satisfied to produce an interior space that fulfills the project goals. Interior design includes a scope of services performed by a professional design practitioner, qualified by means of education, experience, and examination, to protect and enhance the health, life safety and welfare of the public. These services may include any or all of the following task:

- Research and analysis of the client's goals and requirements; and development of documents, drawings and diagrams that outlined those needs.
- Formulation of preliminary space plans and two and three-dimensional design concept studies and sketches that integrate the client's programs needs and based on knowledge of the principles of interior design and theories of human behavior.
- Confirmation that preliminary space plans and design concepts are safe, functional, aesthetically appropriate, and meet all public health, life safety and welfare requirements, including code, accessibility, environmental, and sustainability guidelines.
- Selections of colors, materials and finishes to appropriately convey the design concept, and to meet

- sociopsychological, functional, maintenance, life-cycle performance, environmental, and safety requirements. Selection and specification of furniture, fixtures, equipment and millwork, including layout drawings and detail product description; and provision of contract documentation to facilitate pricing, procurement and installation of furniture.
- Provision of project management services, including preparations of project budgets and schedules.
- Preparation of construction documents, consisting of plans, elevations, details and specifications, to illustrate nonstructural and/or non-seismic partition layouts; power and communications locations; reflected ceiling plans and lighting designs; materials and finishes; and furniture layouts.
- Preparation of construction documents to adhere to regional building and fire codes, municipal codes, and any other jurisdictional statues, regulations and guidelines applicable to the interior space.
- Coordination and collaboration with other allied design professionals who may be retained to provide consulting services, included but not limited to architects; structural, mechanical and electrical engineers; and various specialty consultants.
- Confirmation that construction documents for non structural and/or non-seismic construction are signed and sealed by the responsible interior designer, as applicable to jurisdictional requirements for filing with code enforcement officials. Administration of contract documents, bids and negotiations as the client's agent. Observation and reporting on the implementation of projects while in progress and upon completion, as a representative of and on behalf of the client; and conducting post-occupancy evaluation reports.