

## Interior Design Certification and Licensure by Jurisdiction

Many states do not even have recognition or certification procedures in effect yet for interior designers in the same manner as they do for architects and other related professionals. Greater professional recognition is a goal of IIDA, ASID, and other interior design professional associations. In the states that do have certification/licensure processes for interior design, the basic requirements tend to be some combination of a 2-4 year interior design education (i.e. degree), passing the NCIDQ exam, and some years of supervised work experience. The IIDA (International Interior Design Association) has some very helpful background information about professional recognition with additional state-level details at <http://advocacy.iida.org/>.

NYSID supports the further professional recognition of practicing interior designers and encourages its graduates to seek out these qualifications and recognitions where they exist. As a resource to our community, we created a table that provides a detailed view by jurisdiction (states, territories) of how the various program offerings at NYSID meet the educational requirements for licensure/recognition. At this time, only the District of Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, and Puerto Rico have mandatory registration and permitting practices. For all other states this kind of recognition is optional for professional practice, or the state has no recognition or may only have proposed legislation on professional recognition that has not yet been implemented. International students and graduates planning to practice outside the USA are encouraged to research requirements for any additional professional licensure/certification requirements in the country they are seeking employment.

The table shows whether each NYSID academic program meets the educational requirement component of the state's eligibility requirement. The Basic Interior Design (BID) Certificate does not meet the eligibility requirements of any state because they all require at least 2-4 years of education, and so a BID graduate would need generally to complete either an AAS or BFA to meet eligibility requirements. The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) programs are not listed either because they are one-year programs and an MPS program graduate's eligibility would be contingent most likely on whether their undergraduate degree combined with the MPS would meet the length of education threshold. Since it varies with each individual student depending on their undergraduate degree it would be advisable to contact the state licensing/registration entity directly to confirm eligibility. The codes below are used to note exceptions when a program may not qualify a graduate for eligibility in a given state.

Y	Yes - qualified without exception						
E	Education – does not meet educational requirements (for length, substance/content, and/or accreditation)						
V	Varies – varies for individual depending on what additional (usually undergraduate) education a program graduate has completed						
Mandatory registration							
STATE	LINK	NYSID PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE				TYPE OF REGULATION	REMARKS
		AAS	BFA	MFA-1	MFA-2		
Alabama	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with permitting	
Alaska						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed that would require certification only for Commercial Interior Designer
Arizona						no title or permitting	
Arkansas	<a href="#">Read More</a>	V	Y	Y	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	CIDA or equivalent to a CIDA-accredited degree
California	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	private certification, with limited permitting	candidates must have a minimum of six years combined accredited interior design education and experience (or) a minimum of 8 years combined interior design education and experience.  All candidates must pass the IDEX California® exam.
Colorado		Y	Y	Y	Y	exemption with permitting, no title	
Connecticut	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Delaware	<a href="#">Read More</a>					no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
District of Columbia	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	mandatory registration with permitting	
Florida	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	mandatory registration with permitting	
Georgia	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	E	E	voluntary registration with permitting	Must have a four-year degree from an accredited school
Hawaii						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Idaho						no title or permitting	
Illinois	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Indiana	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Iowa	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Kansas						no title or permitting	
Kentucky	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Louisiana	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	V	mandatory registration with no permitting	NCIDQ is not required, but if NCIDQ passed it is a guarantee to successfully register.
Maine	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	E	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	must have a four or five years program CIDA accredited
Maryland	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Massachusetts	<a href="#">Read More</a>					no title or permitting	Legislation proposed to regulate licensing of commercial interior designers
Michigan						no title or permitting	
Minnesota	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	E	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	minimum - bachelor degree, need to pass NCIDQ
Mississippi	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	Y	E	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Missouri	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Montana	<a href="#">Read More</a>					no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Nebraska						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Nevada	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	Y	V	mandatory registration with permitting	CIDA or substantially equivalent to a CIDA-accredited degree
New Hampshire						no title or permitting	
New Jersey	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	MFA2 may also earn education/experience credit
New Mexico	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
New York	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
North Carolina						no title or permitting	
North Dakota						no title or permitting	
Ohio						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Oklahoma	<a href="#">Read More</a>	V	Y	Y	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	CIDA equivalent programs also eligible
Oregon						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Read More</a>					no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	mandatory registration with permitting	
Rhode Island						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
South Carolina	<a href="#">Read More</a>					no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
South Dakota						no title or permitting	
Tennessee	<a href="#">Read More</a>	V	Y	Y	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	CIDA or substantially equivalent to a CIDA-accredited degree
Texas	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	V	voluntary registration with permitting	
Utah	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with permitting	Only Commercial Interior Designer needs to be certified
Vermont						no title or permitting	
Virginia	<a href="#">Read More</a>	E	Y	E	V	voluntary registration with no permitting	minimum - 4 years program
Washington						no title or permitting	
West Virginia						no title or permitting	Legislation proposed related to licensing
Wisconsin	<a href="#">Read More</a>	Y	Y	Y	Y	voluntary registration with no permitting	
Wyoming						no title or permitting	