



ASID and Other Organizations Serving the Interior Designer Community

The interior design profession is a vibrant community supported by a number of professional organizations. ASID views these organizations as important components of the profession's foundation. Each organization, with the exception of IDCEC, is a standalone entity and maintains its own leadership, staff and decision making structure.

ASID (www.asid.org, www.asiduni.org)

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) is a community of people—designers, industry representatives, educators and students—committed to interior design. Through education, knowledge sharing, advocacy, community building and outreach, the Society strives to advance the interior design profession and, in the process, to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people's lives. Its more than 36,000 members engage in a variety of professional programs and activities through a network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

IIDA (www.iida.org)

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association of 11,000 members in 10 specialty forums and 29 chapters around the world. IIDA is independent from ASID.

IDEC (www.idec.org)

The Interior Design Educators Council, Inc. (IDEC) is dedicated to the advancement of education and research in interior design. IDEC concentrates on the establishment and strengthening of lines of communication among educators, practitioners, educational institutions and other organizations concerned with interior design education. IDEC is independent from ASID.

IDC (www.interiordesigncanada.org)

Interior Designers of Canada (IDC) serves the Canadian interior design industry, advancing the profession through professional development, professional responsibility and communication. The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) is part of IDC and is the largest of the provincial organizations in Canada. IDC is independent from ASID.

IDCEC (www.continuingeducationcouncil.com)

The Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC), is a consortium of professional organizations in the United States and Canada that coordinates continuing education approval activities. IDCEC is currently comprised of ASID, IIDA, IDC and IDEC. More than 4,000 IDCEC-approved continuing education courses have been taken by scores of interior design professionals in both the United States and Canada.

NCIDQ (www.ncidq.org)

The core purpose of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) is to protect the health, life safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design. More than 25,000 individuals around the world have earned the prestigious NCIDQ Certificate, since 1974. NCIDQ is independent from ASID.

CIDA (www.accredit-id.org)

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) is an independent, non-profit accrediting organization for interior design education programs at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. More than 150 interior design programs are currently accredited by the Council, serving an estimated 20,000 students. CIDA is independent from ASID.