

## Registered Interior Designer FAQs

**-As a licensed architect, do I need to take the NCIDQ exam to be called an interior designer?**

*The law is a title act, so if you wish to use the title “registered interior designer” you must apply for registration. However, your architect license in NC qualifies you for interior design registration so long as it’s in good standing. That being said, the definition of the practice of architecture has not changed, so your practice is not restricted in any way. The application asks for a CIDQ record number, you can cross that out and write “licensed architect in NC.”*

**-Do out of state Interior Designers need to be licensed in NC to practice commercial interior design?**

*Yes, if you are using the title ‘registered interior designer’ and plan to submit documents for permitting in North Carolina you must be registered.*

**-The duties and responsibilities of an have always included interior design. Why do I have to apply for registration as an interior designer now?**

*Architects are not being restricted in any way, the definition of the practice of architecture has not changed.*

**-Will I, as an architect, be crossing the legal line when designing a project that has interior circulation if I don’t have an interior designer registration?**

*The law does not restrict your architectural services in any way.*

**-Can registered architects complete an application and fee without having to take the NCIDQ Examination?**

*Yes, the application asks for the CIDQ certificate, just cross that out and write “licensed architect”.*

**-Is there any reason why an architect would seek to also be a registered interior designer? Is there anything that a registered interior designer is allowed to do that an architect is not allowed to do?**

*The most popular reason that an architect would want to be registered as an interior designer to use the title “registered interior designer.” Your services as an architect are not restricted in any way.*

**-If a firm has a Registered Designer on staff, our understanding is that the designer cannot seal plans for the firm unless the firm is a registered firm.**

*Yes, in order for the firm to offer and render registered interior design services, it must hold a registration from the Board.*

**-If the owner of a firm is an RID, the firm still has to get registered? Or can the owner seal the plans as an RID?**

*If the services are being offered through an incorporated entity, the firm must hold a registration. If the RID is offering the services as a sole proprietor, they may do so under their individual registration number.*

**Once registered what is the correct appellation for a Registered Interior Designer? NCRID, NC RID or RID?**

*The rules and laws do not make any reference to appellations. The implication is that RID or NCRID means Registered Interior Designer, so if they choose to use that designation, a registration must be held.*

**I was registered in 2021. How does this impact CEU's? How many CEU's do we need to complete by the end of June?**

*Per the rules, you are exempt from CE for the year in which you were registered. For example, to renew for 2022-2023, one must obtain 12 hours of CE during the previous calendar year, which is 2021. Since you were registered in 2021, you are exempt from CE. On the renewal, you will check the box that says, "in compliance".*