

If you began accruing interior design work experience after January 1, 2008, you must earn qualified work experience in order to be eligible to take the NCIDQ Examination. When your work experience counts as “qualified” depends on which route you take for entry into the examination: _____

For routes 1, 2, & 3

After you have completed 96 semester/144 quarter credits

For all other routes:

After you have completed your education

When your direct supervisor is an NCIDQ Certificate holder, a licensed/registered interior designer or an architect who offers interior design services, your qualified hours are counted at 100% value. When you work in other supervisory relationships, your hours accrue lower values.

Use the chart below to see the value at which you can accrue your qualified interior design work experience hours.

Employment Setting

	Direct Supervision Value	Sponsorship Value
Under an NCIDQ Certificate holder	100%	100%
Under a state/provincial licensed/registered interior designer in the U.S. or Canada	100%	100%
Under an architect who provides interior design services	100%	100%
Under an interior designer who is neither an NCIDQ Certificate holder nor licensed/registered in the U.S. or Canada	75%	50%
Not supervised by a design professional		25%
Not supervised at all (self-employed)		25%

EXAMPLES

100% value:

700 hrs worked = 700 hrs valued

75% value:

700 hrs worked = 525 hrs valued

50% value:

700 hrs worked = 350 hrs valued

25% value:

700 hrs worked = 175 hrs valued

Go to www.ncidq.org to learn more and apply online!

¹ A “direct supervisor” is a person who has detailed knowledge and direct control over your work, such as your immediate supervisor. This person may or may not work in the same physical location.

² A “sponsor” is a design professional who agrees to oversee your work but does not have detailed knowledge and direct control over your work, such as an interior designer outside your firm.