



Interior Designer - Frequently Asked Questions

- **When did Wisconsin begin regulating Interior Designers?**
 - [1995 Wisconsin Act 322](#) became effective on December 1, 1996. From that date forward any person who would like to use the title “Wisconsin Registered Interior Designer” in Wisconsin must be registered by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

- **Do corporations, partnerships, firms and other business entities need to be registered?**
 - No. However, they may only refer to themselves as a “Wisconsin Registered Interior Designer” or as “Wisconsin Registered Interior Designers” or make representations to that effect, if at least one principal, partner or officer who is in responsible charge of the interior design services provided by the corporation, partnership or firm is a Wisconsin Registered Interior Designer.

- **Is examination required to become a Wisconsin Registered Interior Designer?**
 - Yes. To become registered, an applicant must have done one of the following:
 - Passed the complete exam administered by the National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) in 1990 or later. The exam which was administered in 1990 and thereafter included a section on the building and barrier-free codes.
 - Passed the NCIDQ exam prior to 1990 and passed the separate building and barrier-free portion of the exam administered in 1990 or later.
 - Passed the exam administered by the Council for Qualification of residential Interior Designers (CQRID) and passed the building and barrier-free portion of the NCIDQ exam.