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New Jersey State Board of Architects

Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee

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**Application Checklist of Requirements for
Interior Design Certification (N.J.S.A. 45:3-38)**

This application is being sent in response to your request for information concerning interior design certification in New Jersey. The items listed below must be submitted before your application will be considered complete and before it will be reviewed for approval. Please use this checklist to be sure that you have complied with all of the requirements.

- ☐ **Application** – Complete the attached application, have it notarized and attach one passport size photograph and mail the completed application to the address above for consideration by the Committee.
- ☐ **Application Fee** – Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$125.00 payable to the New Jersey State Board of Architects.
- ☐ **Transcripts** – Transcripts must be mailed directly to the New Jersey State Board of Architects Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee at the address above by the college or university at the applicant's request.
- ☐ **Course Description Form** – If your program was not FIDER/CIDA accredited, you must submit the course description form for the Committee's review.
- ☐ **N.C.I.D.Q. Examination Verification** – If applicable, you must have verification of successful completion of the examination provided directly to the Committee from N.C.I.D.Q.
- ☐ **References** – You **MUST** complete Section I on all three reference forms. The Personal Reference forms are to be distributed to two individuals, whom you have known for at least five (5) years, and the Professional Reference form is to be distributed to a design professional such as a state-certified/licensed interior designer, architect or professional engineer, who has firsthand experience of your work. **No reference shall be a relative of yours.** Please provide each reference with an envelope that already has a stamp affixed and the address of the Committee on it so that the form may be mailed directly to the Committee.

Please contact our office should you have any questions.

Attach a clear, full-face passport-style photograph (2"x 2") of your head and shoulders, taken within the past six months.

A photo is required with each application.

Do not use staples to attach the photo.



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Application number: _____

**Application to Become a
Certified Interior Designer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:3-38**

Date: _____

A nonrefundable application filing fee of \$125.00 in the form of a check or money order made out to the New Jersey State Board of Architects must be submitted with this application. (Applicants should understand that if the fee is paid with a personal check, and the check is returned by the bank due to insufficient funds, the next step in the licensure or certification process will be delayed until the fee is paid.)

The Division is precluded by law from disclosing to the public the place of residence of licensees or applicants, without their consent. However, you are required to provide an address that may be released to the public in our directories or in response to other requests (by putting a check in the appropriate box). If you provide your place of residence as your public address of record, we will assume that you have consented to have that address be disclosed. If you do not consent to the disclosure of your place of residence, you should provide an address of record other than your place of residence that may be released to the public. One of your addresses must include a street, city, state and ZIP code.

Information that you provide on this application may be subject to public disclosure as required by the Open Public Records Act (OPRA).

Please print clearly. You must answer all of the questions on this application.

Personal Information

Date of birth: _____
Month Day Year

1. Name ☐ Mr. _____
☐ Mrs. _____ (_____)
☐ Ms. _____
Last name First name Middle initial Maiden name

2. Address

☐ Home: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County

Telephone number (include area code) E-mail address

☐ Business: _____
Name of company Telephone number (include area code)

Street City State ZIP code County

☐ Mailing: _____
Street or P.O. Box City State ZIP code County

3. Social Security Number

You **must** provide your Social Security number to the Board or Committee. Failure to do so will result in denial/nonrenewal of licensure or certification.

*Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

*Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:50-24 et seq. of the New Jersey taxation law, N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44e of the New Jersey Child Support Enforcement Law, Section 1128E(b)(2)A of the Social Security Act and 45 C.F.R. 60.7, 60.8 and 60.9, the Board or Committee is required to obtain your Social Security number. Pursuant to these authorities, the Board or Committee is also obligated to provide your Social Security number to:

- a. the Director of Taxation to assist in the administration and enforcement of any tax law, including for the purpose of reviewing compliance with State tax law and updating and correcting tax records; and
- b. the Probation Division or any other agency responsible for child support enforcement, upon request.

4. Citizenship / Immigration Status

Federal law limits the issuance or renewal of professional or occupational licenses or certificates to U.S. citizens or qualified aliens. To comply with this federal law, check the appropriate box below which indicates your citizenship/immigration status. If you are not a U.S. citizen, attach a copy of your alien registration card (front and back) or other documentation issued by the office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- ☐ U.S. citizen
- ☐ Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in U.S.
- ☐ Other immigration status

Questions about your immigration status and whether or not it is a qualifying status under federal law should be directed to the USCIS at: 1-800-375-5283.

5. Child Support

Please certify, under penalty of perjury, the following:

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Do you currently have a child-support obligation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (1) If "Yes," are you in arrears in payment of said obligation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (2) If "Yes," does the arrearage match or exceed the total amount payable for the past six months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b. Have you failed to provide any court-ordered health insurance coverage during the past six months? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| c. Have you failed to respond to a subpoena relating to either a paternity or child-support proceeding? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| d. Are you the subject of a child-support-related arrest warrant? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:17-56.44d, an answer of "Yes" to any of the questions a(1) through d will result in a denial of licensure or certification. Furthermore, any false certification of the above may subject you to a penalty, including, but not limited to, immediate revocation or suspension of licensure or certification.

Applicant's name (please print)

Applicant's signature

Date

6. Have you ever been summoned; arrested; taken into custody; indicted; tried; charged with; admitted into pre-trial intervention (P.T.I.); or pled guilty to any violation of law, ordinance, felony, misdemeanor or disorderly persons offense in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? (Parking or speeding violations need not be disclosed, but motor vehicle violations such as driving while impaired or intoxicated must be disclosed.) ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Have you ever been convicted of any crime or offense under any circumstances? This includes, but is not limited to, a plea of guilty, non vult, nolo contendere, no contest, or a finding of guilt by a judge or jury. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide a copy of the judgment of conviction and the release from parole or probation. Please provide a complete explanation. (Attach additional sheets of paper to this application.)

8. Do you currently hold, or have you ever held a professional license or certificate of **any** kind in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "Yes," for each license or certificate held, provide the date(s) held and the number(s). If the license or certificate was issued under a different name, please provide that name.

Last name		First name		Middle initial
Type of license or certificate	Number	State or jurisdiction that issued the license or certificate		Date issued/expired
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9. Have you ever been disciplined or denied a professional license or certificate of any kind in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Have you ever had a professional license or certificate of any type suspended, revoked or surrendered in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Has any action (including the assessment of fines or other penalties) ever been taken against your professional practice by any agency or certification board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. Have you ever been named as a defendant in any litigation related to the practice of interior design or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Are you aware of any investigation pending against a professional license or certificate issued to you by a professional board in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Are there any criminal charges now pending against you in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Have you ever been sanctioned by or is any action pending before any employer, association, society, or other professional group related to the practice of interior design or other professional practice in New Jersey, any other state, the District of Columbia or in any other jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer to any of the above questions, numbers 9 through 15, is "Yes," provide a complete explanation of the circumstances leading to the action, and any supporting documentation, on separate sheets of paper.

Examination

1. Have you successfully completed the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications (N.C.I.D.Q.) examination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please provide the N.C.I.D.Q. certificate number. _____

If you have taken the examination prior to making application, then you must request that N.C.I.D.Q. provide verification of successful completion of the examination.

Education

You must request that an official transcript of your interior design education be mailed by the college or university directly to the New Jersey State Board of Architects at the address on the first page. In addition to the official transcript, if the program is NOT accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), the applicant must provide on the enclosed blue form a concise description for each of the interior design courses successfully completed.

1. Did you graduate from an interior design program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- a. If "Yes," then check the appropriate box: ☐ 5-year program ☐ 4-year program ☐ 2-year program
- b. If you did NOT graduate, then did you successfully complete at least three years in an interior design program which is comprised of at least 90 semester credits (or their equivalent) of which at least 60 semester credits (or their equivalent) are in interior design-related course work? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Was the interior design program accredited by FIDER/CIDA at the time of graduation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List the names and addresses of the colleges or universities you have attended as well as the degree(s) obtained:

A.	_____			
	Name of college / university			

	Street address	City	State	ZIP code

	Inclusive Years Attended	Degree or Certificate	Major	Date Granted

B.	_____			
	Name of college / university			

	Street address	City	State	ZIP code

	Inclusive Years Attended	Degree or Certificate	Major	Date Granted

C.	_____			
	Name of college / university			

	Street address	City	State	ZIP code

	Inclusive Years Attended	Degree or Certificate	Major	Date Granted

DOCUMENTATION OF DIVERSIFIED INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES EXPERIENCE

Education and experience requirements:

- If you are a graduate from a five-year interior design program, then you must demonstrate at least one year of diversified interior design services experience;
- If you are a graduate from a four-year interior design program, then you must demonstrate at least two years of diversified interior design services experience;
- If you are a graduate from a two-year interior design program, then you must demonstrate at least four years of diversified interior design services experience;
- If you have successfully completed at least three years of an interior design curriculum (comprised of at least 90 semester credits (or their equivalent) of which at least 60 semester credits (or their equivalent) are in interior design-related course work), then you must demonstrate at least three years of diversified interior design services experience.
- The Committee shall only consider a candidate's experience after the successful completion of 40 semester credits (or their equivalent) in interior design-related course work.

Begin with your current or most recent employment and then provide the relevant information as you work back in time, chronologically. Use additional sheets of paper to list additional employers.

A. Employer/Company: _____

Immediate supervisor's name and title: _____

If self-employed, provide the name of the firm or business: _____

Address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: _____
(include area code)

Title of your position: _____

Your major responsibilities: _____

From _____ to _____ Hours per week: _____ Total hours: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

B. Employer/Company: _____

Immediate supervisor's name and title: _____

If self-employed, provide the name of the firm or business: _____

Address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code

Telephone number: _____
(include area code)

Title of your position: _____

Your major responsibilities: _____

From _____ to _____ Hours per week: _____ Total hours: _____
Month/Year Month/Year

Please list interior design projects which demonstrate your diversified interior design services experience. You must provide all documentation including drawings, schedules and specifications for each project listed below in support of your application. Your application cannot be processed until you have provided project documentation which you have personally prepared. **Do not submit photos, magazine articles or sample boards.**

Project 1

A. Client's name: _____ Telephone number: _____
(include area code)

Client's address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code

B. Type of project: _____ Year completed: _____

Location of project: _____

Scope of work and services provided: _____

Your responsibilities on the project: _____

Project 2

A. Client's name: _____ Telephone number: _____
(include area code)

Client's address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code

B. Type of project: _____ Year completed: _____

Location of project: _____

Scope of work and services provided: _____

Your responsibilities on the project: _____

Project 3

A. Client's name: _____ Telephone number: _____
(include area code)

Client's address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code

B. Type of project: _____ Year completed: _____

Location of project: _____

Scope of work and services provided: _____

Your responsibilities on the project: _____

Use additional sheets of paper to list additional projects to demonstrate major experiences in all categories listed below.

CHECKLIST

Indicate your level of responsibility for projects 1, 2 and 3 above in each of the following categories: O = No Experience, L = Limited Experience, M = Major Experience, NA = Not Applicable

	Projects		
	1	2	3
Preparation of drawings	_____	_____	_____
Administration of drawings	_____	_____	_____
Preparation of schedules	_____	_____	_____
Administration of schedules	_____	_____	_____
Preparation of specifications	_____	_____	_____
Administration of specifications	_____	_____	_____
Non-load bearing partitions	_____	_____	_____
Switch location and type	_____	_____	_____
Outlet location and type	_____	_____	_____
Interior construction not materially related to or materially affecting the building systems	_____	_____	_____
Furnishings	_____	_____	_____
Layouts	_____	_____	_____
Cabinetry	_____	_____	_____
Fixtures	_____	_____	_____
Finishes	_____	_____	_____
Lighting location and type	_____	_____	_____
Materials	_____	_____	_____

REFERENCES

- Please provide a total of three (3) references. Two (2) of the references must have known you for at least five (5) years.
- Personal references from two people (do not use relatives).
- Your professional reference must be a state certified/licensed design professional such as an interior designer, architect or professional engineer who has first-hand knowledge of your work.

PERSONAL REFERENCES

1. Name: _____
- Address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code
- Telephone number: _____
(include area code)
- Occupation: _____ Number of years you have known this person: _____
2. Name: _____
- Address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code
- Telephone number: _____
(include area code)
- Occupation: _____ Number of years you have known this person: _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

1. Name: _____
- Address: _____
Street address City State ZIP code
- Telephone number: _____
(include area code)
- Occupation: _____ Number of years you have known this person: _____

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

1. Are you a member of any professional organizations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," please list the information requested below.
- | Name of organization | Membership dates | Office held/duties |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| a . _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b . _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c . _____ | _____ | _____ |
2. Are you involved in any community activities related to your interior design work? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- | Name of activity, board or commission | Office held | Duties |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| a . _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b . _____ | _____ | _____ |
| c . _____ | _____ | _____ |
3. Please provide any additional information which you would like the Committee to consider in connection with this application.
- _____
- _____
- _____

AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit is to be executed by the applicant before a notary public:

State of: _____

County of: _____ } ss.

I, _____, in making this application to the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Architects for certification under the provisions of Title 45 of the General Statutes of New Jersey and the Rules of the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee, swear (or affirm) that I am the applicant and that all information provided in connection with this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any omissions, inaccuracies or failure to make full disclosures may be deemed sufficient to deny certification or to withhold renewal of or suspend or revoke a certificate issued by the Board.

I further swear (or affirm) that I have read N.J.S.A. 45:3-31 et seq., together with the Rules and Regulations of the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee, N.J.A.C. 13:27-9.1 et seq., and fully understand that in receiving certification from the Board, I bind myself to be governed by them.

Furthermore, I voluntarily consent to a thorough investigation of my present and past employment and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications for certification. I further authorize all institutions, employers, agencies and all governmental agencies and instrumentalities (local, state, federal or foreign) to release any information, files or records requested by the Board.

Signature of applicant

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____

day of _____, _____
Month Year

Name of Notary Public (please print)

Signature of Notary Public



For office use only:

Qualifications:

Education _____
Experience _____
Examination _____

Recommendations:

Interview _____
Certify _____
Additional _____
Information _____

Board Action:

Interview _____ Date _____
Withhold _____ Date _____
Certify _____ Date _____