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IDCEC Announces New Method for Determining Health, Safety and Welfare Designations

WASHINGTON, DC--The Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC) has changed its method of determining health, safety and welfare (HSW) content for continuing education courses. IDCEC will no longer determine HSW content using the subject code of the course. Each course submitted for approval will be evaluated to determine if the course content meets the new criteria to receive HS or W designations. The following list describes the new designations and the criteria:

HS

This designation will be awarded if more than 75% of the course content covers knowledge and practice of legal codes, building regulations and product performance standards and topics including, but not limited to, energy efficiency, acoustics, lighting and fire and life-safety systems that are implemented to protect the public and the environment.

W

This designation will be awarded if more than 75% of the course content covers knowledge and practice of design that enhances the social, psychological, financial and physical well-being of individuals and the environment. The course content may include, but not be limited to, business practices, ethics, space design, budgets and estimating, construction administration, environmental and sustainability issues, and finish material and methods of construction detailing. Some of the course may overlap into topics relating to "HS," but the total course will not be classified as HS because it constitutes less than 75% of the content.

General Interior Design Professional Knowledge (no HS or W)

The designation covers general knowledge regarding interior design practice, and less than 75% of the course content covers knowledge and practice of applicable legal codes, building regulations and product performance standards that are implemented to protect the public and the environment or that enhances the social, psychological, financial and physical well-being of individuals and the environment.

All existing courses will maintain their current HSW designation until they come up for their three-year review. At that time, they will be reviewed under the new system and receive the new designation.

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Providers with existing courses who wish to have their course receive the new designation before their three-year review can resubmit their courses to one of IDCEC's core member organizations to have their course reviewed under the new system at a minimal fee.

IDCEC promotes life-long learning and professional development for the interior design profession by serving as central entity for the sharing of continuing education information, accreditation and registration and by providing strategic planning for continuing education programming and activity. The core member organizations are the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), the Interior Designers of Canada (IDC) and the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC). More information may be found on our Web site at www.idcec.org.