



Act 483 Report- The LA State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers is a self-funded licensing board whose mission is to regulate the profession of Interior Design in Louisiana. The Louisiana law defines the practice of Interior Design as working in a code-based environment (commercial settings). A commercial setting can include offices, commercial buildings, banks, hospitals, etc. Codes and statutes require a license for work done in a commercial space as most work involves life safety, the Americans with Disabilities Act, fire and/or building codes. Although many of our licensees practice commercial and residential interior design, it is not required by law that a license be obtained from this board if one only provides residential services, such as Interior Decoration.

Steps to Become a Louisiana Registered Interior Designer:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Have a combination of 6 years of interior design education and work experience. The majority of our licensees have a 4-year bachelor's degree plus 2 years of work experience.

Education shall have been obtained in a program, school, or college of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

Louisiana has 3 CIDA accredited educational institutions: Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech University, and University of Louisiana Lafayette.

Unaccredited programs, schools, or colleges of interior design must be approved by the board during the licensing review process.

Special consideration for alternate routes is available to provide more inclusive paths, while maintaining the required rigorous preparation for practice. Examples are routes for Degrees in another field, Associate Degrees, and Architecture Degrees.

EXAMINATION: Successfully pass the 3 section, 11-hour NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Designer Qualification) exam. The NCIDQ exam is used by twenty-eight states, DC and Puerto Rico, and all Canadian provinces for regulation of the Interior Design profession.

APPLY TO BECOME A LOUISIANA REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER: Submit the online application. The Registration is valid for the calendar year and must be renewed annually. The continuing education requirement is five (5) hours of Board approved HSW (Health, Safety, and Welfare) annually.

Louisiana Interior Design Laws and Rules: <http://www.lsbid.org/laws.htm>

CIDA's website: <https://accredit-id.org/>

NCIDQ's website: <https://www.cidq.org/>

Louisiana Registered Interior Designer

Renewals as of 12/31/25

		<u>New licenses during 2025</u>	
Allen	1	East Baton Rouge	2
Ascension	15	Lafourche	1
Avoyelles	2	Orleans	1
Bossier	3	Out of State	3
Caddo	14	St. Tammany	1
Calcasieu	6	Tangipahoa	1
East Baton Rouge	88	New licenses	9
Evangeline	1		
Grant	1		
Iberia	1		
Iberville	2	<u>Number of renewals</u>	
Jackson	1	<u>denied</u>	
Jefferson	38	<u>during 2025</u>	
Lafayette	25		
Lafourche	4		
Lasalle	1	0	
Lincoln	2		
Livingston	3		
Natchitoches	1	<u>Number of new licenses</u>	
Orleans	71	<u>denied</u>	
Ouachita	5	<u>during 2025</u>	
Out Of State	58		
Plaquemines	1		
Pointe Coupee	1	0	
Rapides	4		
St Charles	4		
St James	1		
St John The Baptist	1		
St Landry	5		
St Martin	4		
St Mary	2		
St Tammany	43		
Tangipahoa	5		
Vermilion	2		
West Baton Rouge	2		
West Feliciana	2		
Total	420		

Number of renewals

denied

during 2025

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during 2025