

INTERIOR DESIGNERS INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Media Kit



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About

IDIBC provides a regulatory framework of professional standards to serve the public interest and advance the profession of interior design. Its members must meet rigorous education, experience and examination requirements, allowing them the exclusive right to use the title, Registered Interior Designer, raising the profile of the industry. To continue this effort, the [2021-23 Strategic Plan](#) was developed by IDIBC to align itself with similar regulatory bodies to best service its members and the profession for years to come. IDIBC believes in advancing its members and educating the public through initiatives such as [Climate Action & Innovation](#) and [Diversity & Inclusion](#) initiatives. For more information, please visit www.idibc.org.

Mission

The Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia regulates the profession of interior design using a progressive regulatory framework to serve the public interest and advance the profession.

Vision

To safeguard public interest through professional regulation that promotes leadership, excellence and the continuing education of members of the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia.

Values

ETHICAL

We are accountable, transparent and act with integrity and professionalism.

INCLUSIVE

We support access to interior design education, professional practice and leadership to best represent the diverse population of British Columbia.

COLLABORATIVE

We work with industry professionals and other stakeholders to protect the public interest.

INNOVATIVE

We embrace change, plan for the future and support climate action through design excellence and technology.

PASSIONATE

We inspire members and volunteers to share our mission and vision to shape the future.



Who is IDIBC?

Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia (IDIBC) is the regulatory body for the interior design profession, responsible for **holding its members professionally accountable and ensuring standardization and compliance** across the industry in the province.

The purpose of IDIBC is to **protect the public interest** by ensuring that its registrants meet specific requirements. Registrants must achieve a high standard of education, training and experience before writing the professional exam. They must also adhere to a code of ethical and professional conduct and develop throughout their careers with a commitment to continuing education.

IDIBC was registered as an occupational title society under the Society Act in 1987, giving its registrants the exclusive right to use the title, **Registered Interior Designer (RID)**. Interior design impacts people's lives. The RID designation provides the public assurance that registrants have the knowledge and experience to perform their work safely, sustainably and to IDIBC's professional standards.

What does IDIBC do?

Using a progressive regulatory framework with a focus on ethics in interior design, IDIBC ensures the public interest is protected in terms of health, safety and welfare. The result is safer interiors that are designed by professionals who are accountable for their work and conduct.

Registrants of IDIBC are listed in its Membership Directory, a valuable tool for the public to find qualified interior designers.

IDIBC registrants adhere to:

- A code of ethics and professional conduct
- A commitment to life-long learning in their area of practice through continuing education requirements
- Maintaining a high standard of competency in professional practice
- A complaints and discipline process that ensures accountability
- Directives to support climate action, diversity and inclusion

The code of ethics and professional conduct set forth by the IDIBC Board of Directors applies to all members practicing interior design. The regulatory framework ensures consistency in professional relationships and distinguishes IDIBC registrants from non-members.



Who are IDIBC's registrants?

Registrants of IDIBC are proficient in interior design principles including building systems, construction standards, codes, space planning, design development, contract administration, project coordination and professional practice. Upon completion of registration requirements and assessment by IDIBC, eligible members are authorized to use the title, **Registered Interior Designer**.

IDIBC membership requirements include:

- Certification through the Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam
- Two to five years of work experience under a Registered design professional
- Sponsoring reference
- Completion of an IDIBC-approved BC Building Code course and regular code updates
- Knowledge of the Building Accessibility Handbook
- Carrying Professional Liability and Commercial General Liability insurance

It is important to distinguish that IDIBC's members are interior designers, not interior decorators.

While many use the terms interchangeably, the qualifications differ significantly.

Interior decorating is the application of materials, finishes, colours and furnishings to spaces. **Interior design is the art and science of understanding people's behaviors to create functional spaces.** It encompasses the analysis, planning, design, documentation and management of interior construction and renovation projects. In addition, **the interior design process follows a systematic and coordinated methodology**—including research, analysis and integration of knowledge into the creative process—to satisfy the client's needs and resources.

Provinces and certain states in the US have passed laws **requiring interior designers be licensed or registered** and to document their formal education and training. Many of these provinces and states specifically require practicing interior designers to earn NCIDQ Certification to demonstrate their experience and qualifications. Interior decorators require no formal training or licensure. For this reason, engaging IDIBC Registered Interior Designers ensures that clients experience superior services and exceptional design solutions.

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