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CALIFORNIA**

**A General Comparison  
NCIDQ and IDEX  
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<b>NCIDQ</b>	<b>IDEX</b>
A national standard – gives mobility and can be used in any other state and Canada to comply with their certification or licensure law	Created for California and restricted to California
The scope of the exam covers the broad base of knowledge, universal codes and life safety issues	Addresses only California codes and general business practices
Work experience required before taking the exam promotes competency through application	No work experience requirement shows the narrow scope of the exam
Tests ability of applied knowledge through drafting skills	Lacks a drafting component
Provides opportunity to become certified for healthcare by the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID)	Not applicable
Passage gives professional standing in ASID, IIDA and IDEC	Doesn't apply to professional organizations' requirements
Administered by an independent national examination organization	Administered by a private company that also grants the certification
Nationally and internationally accepted and recognized	Accepted in California only

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