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Questions Answered ASID's Withdrawal from CCIDC

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How was ASID 'involved' with CCIDC?

ASID, along with several other professional organizations such as IDEC, held a designated seat as a board member for CCIDC as a representative. Both ASID and IDEC have withdrawn for similar reasons such as the requirement of signing a confidentiality agreement to sit on the board. This confidentiality agreement means board members can't discuss what is happening at CCIDC with anyone else. Therefore, the "represented groups" had no exchange of information with the board.

What does CCIDC do?

According to the Business and Professions Code, Section 5801: "A certified interior designer may obtain a stamp from an interior design organization..." CCIDC was set up by the California Legislative Coalition for Interior Design (CLCID) to be that organization as a private company during another California budget crunch in order to save money for the State. CCIDC administers the certification.

What does the CID title mean?

There is no education requirement and the testing requirement has changed multiple times throughout the last 10 years therefore the standard upheld by CID holders varies greatly. As a Title Act, it does not protect a scope of work and therefore is not officially recognized by state and local agencies.

Does CCIDC certification mean that I am state certified?

No, the certification is granted by a private company. In fact it is stated in the Business and Professions Code, Section 5804: "It is an unfair business practice for any certified interior designer or any other person to advertise or put out any sign or card or other device, including any stamp or seal, or to represent to the public through any print or electronic media, that he or she is "state certified" to practice interior design, or to use any other words or symbols that represent to the public that he or she is so certified."

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Is CCIDC a state agency?

No, they are a private incorporated company. The State of California has no oversight on matters of CCIDC's certification process or nor do they grant ability to regulate interior design.

If ASID no longer participates in CCIDC am I still certified?

Yes. ASID has terminated their participation strictly as a board member on CCIDC's board of directors and has no bearing on any ASID member's ability to become certified or to maintain CID status.

If ASID no longer participates can I still become certified?

Yes, you need to fulfill one of CCIDC's paths of application which have recently changed to no longer accepting the NCIDQ and other previously accepted exams. Now the singular exam that is accepted is the IDEX exam, which was created by and administered by CCIDC. This exam is only for use by CCIDC in California.

Why did CCIDC stop accepting the NCIDQ?

CCIDC as a private company did so when it changed this year to exclusively using its own private exam, the IDEX, as the only examination accepted to become certified.

Should I become certified? Should I stay certified?

This is an individual business decision based on your needs and goals.

Does anyone else recognize the IDEX?

No, the IDEX is only used by CCIDC in California and does not provide any avenues to other certifications, licensures, or professional affiliations.

If I give up my CCIDC certification does it affect my ASID membership?

No, your membership and appellation stays the same.



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