



CCIDC Announces August 1 Deadline to Register for Second 2009 Seating of the IDEX California® Exam

(San Marcos, Calif...June 10, 2009) Interior designers committed to sitting for the IDEX California exam during the month of October, 2009 must register by midnight August 1, 2009 and complete all paperwork by midnight August 14, 2009. Complete registration information can be found at <http://www.ccidc.org/how-to-become-certified.html>.

After CCIDC delivers all registered candidate information on August 15, 2009 to the testing vendor, Castle Worldwide, for scheduling, Castle Worldwide will contact each candidate directly via e-mail with a Notice to Schedule (NTS). Candidates will receive a username and password and will be directed to make their scheduling request at least seven (7) days prior to the date they wish to take the exam. Once a location, date and time have been determined the candidate will receive a Scheduling Confirmation Notice, which will be their admission ticket to the test.

To sit for the IDEX California, a candidate will first need to apply to become a Certified Interior Designer and pay the standard \$150 application fee. The minimum requirements to sit for the exam include two years of education (40 semester units) in Interior Design or five years of work experience (approximately 9000 hours). The IDEX California will be available at 39 testing sites across California, and at other testing locations across the country. The cost to take the IDEX California is \$300 plus a \$75 testing center fee.

Past requirements imposed more work, more expense, and more exams on certification candidates in California than any other state. By going to one exam, the IDEX California, that burden is removed and the entire certification process is streamlined by allowing candidates to take the new exam right after graduating from a minimum two year interior design college program, while they are still in the studying mode. Those with 5 years minimum working experience as an interior designer will also qualify to take this new single exam. This doesn't make them a Certified Interior Designer until they fulfill the work experience requirements as written in to the California certification statute.

The CCIDC will continue to honor those who have passed one of the current national examinations and the CCRE through to the end of the year 2012. After that, all certification candidates in California must take and pass the IDEX California.

Complete IDEX California information including Frequently Asked Questions and study materials can be found at <http://www.ccidc.org/idex-dates-announcement.html>

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