

**Mississippi State Board of Architecture  
Interior Design Advisory Committee  
Proposed Rule Revision  
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**Title 30: Professions and Occupations  
Part 203: Interior Designer Advisory Committee to the Mississippi State Board of  
Architecture**

Rule 2.4 Licensure of Military Trained Interior Designers and Spouses of Members of the  
Military

2.4.1

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the Rules and Regulations of the Board, the IDAC shall issue a certificate to a military-trained applicant who is a resident of Mississippi, if, upon application to the IDAC, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:
1. Has been awarded a military occupational specialty in interior design and has done all of the following at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeding the requirements for certification as set forth in 73-73-7 and in the Rules and Regulations:
    - a. Completed a military program of training substantially equivalent to or exceeding a degree in interior design from a program accredited by the CIDA; and
    - b. Completed testing substantially equivalent to or exceeding the NCIDQ examination; and
    - c. Has been engaged in the active practice interior design for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application; and
    - d. Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice interior design in this state at the time the act was committed, including those acts set forth in 73-73-7; and
    - e. Pays the fees required for certification.
- B. To demonstrate the above requirements, the applicant shall furnish to the IDAC:
1. Official CIDQ Record or official military documents describing the content and nature of the military training program in interior design and evidence of the applicant completing and passing such program; and
  2. Official CIDQ Record or official military documents describing the military service requirements which must be met to be awarded a military occupational specialty in interior design sufficient for the IDAC to assess the equivalence of such requirements to the certification requirements of Mississippi; and
  3. A sworn statement or statements by superior officers of the applicant attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily engaged in the active practice of interior design in the military; and
  4. Official military or other documents demonstrating that the applicant has not been disciplined by any military branch or any jurisdiction for any act that would have

- constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a certification as an interior designer in Mississippi; and
5. Official military documents showing that the applicant received an honorable discharge from the military; and
  6. Other documentation which may be requested by the IDAC.

#### 2.4.2

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the IDAC shall issue a certificate to a military spouse applicant who is a resident of Mississippi if, upon application, the military spouse satisfies the following conditions:
  1. Holds a current license or certificate from another jurisdiction recognized by the IDAC provided that the jurisdiction's requirements for licensure, certification or registration are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure in this state including:
    - a. a degree in interior design from a program accredited by the CIDA, or a degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB), or a four-year degree in interior design from a college or university approved by the regulatory board; and
    - b. Professional examination substantially equivalent to or exceeding the NCIDQ Examination; and
  2. Can demonstrate competency in the practice of interior design through:
    - a. Holding a current CIDQ Certificate; or
    - b. A record of education, experience and examination acceptable to the IDAC which must be equivalent to or exceeding the requirements of 73-73-7, and which must be provided by the licensure board or governing authority in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed or certified; and
  3. Experience as a licensed or certified interior designer for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application under this section; and
  4. Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of a license to practice interior design in this state at the time the act was committed, including those acts set forth in 73-73-7; and
  5. Is in good standing in the jurisdiction(s) of licensure and has not been disciplined by the agency that had jurisdiction to issue the license; and
  6. Pays the fees required for licensure.
- B. To demonstrate the above requirements, the applicant shall furnish to the IDAC:
  1. Proof that the applicant is a military spouse; and
  2. Official CIDQ Record, or an official educational transcript from the jurisdiction of licensure describing the content and nature of the applicant's education; and
  3. Official CIDQ Record or an official record from the jurisdiction of licensure describing passage of the NCIDQ Examination or an equivalent professional examination; and
  4. Official CIDQ Record, or an official record from the jurisdiction of licensure, or sworn statements attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily engaged in the active practice of interior design for two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application; and

5. Other documentation which may be requested by the IDAC.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. §73-73-7*