

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE
INTERIOR DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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Title 30, Part 203, Chapter 2: Applications for Examination and Certification

Rule 2.4 Certification of Members of the Military and Spouses and Dependents of Members of the Military.

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or the Rules and Regulations of the Board, the IDAC shall issue a certificate to an applicant who is a member of the military, or an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military, if, upon application to the IDAC, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:
1. The applicant has been awarded a military occupational specialty in interior design, completed a military program of training, completed testing or equivalent training and experience, and performed in the occupational specialty; or
 2. The applicant holds a current and valid interior designer license or certificate in another state and has held this license or certificate from the occupational licensing board in the other state for at least one (1) year; and
 3. The applicant has not committed any act in the other state that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of an interior designer certificate in Mississippi at the time the act was committed, the occupational licensing board in the other state holds the applicant in good standing, and the applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal record as determined by the IDAC under Mississippi law; and
 4. The applicant did not surrender a license or certificate because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's interior design work in another state; and
 5. The applicant does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board or other board in another state that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. If the applicant has a complaint, allegation or investigation pending, the IDAC shall not issue or deny a certificate to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved, or the applicant otherwise satisfies the criteria for certification in Mississippi to the satisfaction of the IDAC; and
 6. The applicant pays all applicable fees in Mississippi.
- B. Notwithstanding any other law or the Rules and Regulations of the Board, the IDAC shall issue a certificate to an applicant who is a member of the military, or an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military, upon application based on work experience in another state, if all the following apply:

1. The applicant worked in a state that does not use a license, certificate, or registration to regulate interior design; and
 2. The applicant worked for at least three (3) years in the practice of interior design; and
 3. The applicant satisfies the provisions of paragraphs (3) through (6) of subsection (A) of this rule.
- C. To demonstrate the above requirements, applicants shall furnish the following documents to the IDAC:
1. Applicants awarded a military occupational specialty in interior design shall provide:
 - a. proof that the applicant is a member of the military or a military spouse or dependent; and
 - b. an official CIDQ Record or official military documents describing the content, nature, and requirements of the military training program in interior design and evidence of the applicant completing and passing such program; and
 - c. 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
 - d. a description of interior design projects completed by the applicant and samples of contract documents prepared by the applicant; and
 - e. official military documents showing that the applicant received an honorable discharge from the military (if applicable); and
 - f. other documentation which may be requested by the IDAC.
 2. Applicants holding a current and valid license or certificate in another state shall provide:
 - a. proof that the applicant is a member of the military or a military spouse or dependent; and
 - b. an official CIDQ Record, or an official record from the state of licensure or certification, describing the applicant's qualifications and verifying completion of the state's education, experience, and examination requirements; and
 - c. an official CIDQ Record, or an official record from the state of licensure or certification, verifying that the applicant has held this license or certificate from the occupational licensing board in the other state for at least one (1) year and holds the applicant in good standing; and
 - d. other documentation which may be requested by the IDAC.
 3. Applicants applying based on work experience in another state that does not use a license, certificate, or registration to regulate interior design shall provide:
 - a. proof that the applicant is a member of the military or a military spouse or dependent; and

- b. sworn statements attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily engaged in the active practice of interior design for at least three (3) years preceding the date of the application; and
 - c. a description of interior design projects completed by the applicant and samples of contract documents prepared by the applicant; and
 - d. other documentation which may be requested by the IDAC.
- D. The IDAC shall issue or deny the certificate to an applicant who is a member of the military, or an applicant who is married to or is a dependent of a member of the military, within one hundred twenty (120) days after receiving an application. If the application requires longer than two (2) weeks to process, the IDAC shall issue a temporary certification within thirty (30) days after receiving the application if the applicant submits an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, affirming that he or she satisfies the provisions of this rule. The applicant may use the title “Mississippi Certified Interior Designer” under the temporary certification until a certificate is granted, or until a notice to deny the certificate is issued.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§73-73-7, 73-73-11, and 73-50-1.

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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.~~

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4. The applicant did not surrender a license or certificate because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's interior design work in another state; and
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