IF YOU BEGAN YOUR EDUCATION BEFORE 9-1-06, THE FOLLOWING RULE AND TABLE BELOW APPLY TO YOU. IF YOU BEGAN YOUR EDUCATION ON 9-1-06 OR AFTER, YOU MUST HAVE A DEGREE ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL FOR INTERIOR DESIGN ACCREDITATION (CIDA, FORMERLY FIDER.)

5.31 REGISTRATION BY EXAMINATION
(a) In order to obtain Interior Design registration by examination in Texas, an Applicant shall demonstrate that
the Applicant has a combined total of at least six years of approved Interior Design education and
experience and shall successfully complete the Interior Design registration examination as more fully
described in Subchapter C of this chapter. For purposes of this section, an Applicant has "approved Interior
Design education" if:
(1) The Applicant graduated from:
(A) a program that has been granted professional status by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation
(CIDA) or the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB),
(B) a program that was granted professional status by CIDA or NAAB not later than two years after the
Applicant's graduation,
(C) a program that was granted candidacy status by CIDA or NAAB and became accredited by CIDA or
NAAB not later than three years after the Applicant's graduation, or
(D) an Interior Design education program outside the United States where an evaluation by World Education
Services or another organization acceptable to the Board has concluded that the program is substantially
equivalent to a CIDA or NAAB accredited professional program;
(2) The Applicant has a doctorate, a master's degree, or a baccalaureate degree in Interior Design;
(3) The Applicant has:
(A) A baccalaureate degree in a field other than Interior Design; and
(B) An associate's degree or a two- or three-year certificate from an Interior Design program at an institution
accredited by an agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
(4) The Applicant has:
(A) A baccalaureate degree in a field other than Interior Design; and
(B) An associate's degree or a two- or three-year certificate from a foreign Interior Design program approved
or accredited by an agency acceptable to the Board.
(b) In order to obtain Interior Design registration by examination in Texas, an Applicant must also successfully
complete the Interior Design Experience Program administered by the National Council for Interior Design
Qualification or two years of approved experience as more fully described in Subchapter J of this chapter
(relating to Table of Equivalents for Education and Experience in Interior Design).
(c) The Board shall evaluate the education and experience required by subsection (a) of this section in
accordance with the Table of Equivalents for Education and Experience in Interior Design.
(d) For purposes of this section, the term "approved Interior Design education" does not include continuing
education courses.
(e) An Applicant for Interior Design registration by examination who enrolls in an Interior Design educational
program after September 1, 2006, must graduate from a program described in subsection (a)(1) of this
section.
(f) An Applicant who applies for Interior Design registration by examination on or before August 31, 2011 and
who commenced his/her Interior Design education or experience prior to September 1, 1999, shall be
subject to the rules and regulations relating to educational and experiential requirements as they existed on August 31, 1999. This subsection is repealed effective September 1, 2011.

(g) In accordance with federal law, the Board must verify proof of legal status in the United States. Each Applicant shall provide evidence of legal status by submitting a certified copy of a United States birth certificate or other documentation that satisfies the requirements of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. A list of acceptable documents may be obtained by contacting the Board’s office.

5.32 Description of Approved Education for Registration by Examination

(a) Pursuant to §5.31 of this title (relating to Registration by Examination), an Applicant must successfully demonstrate that he/she has approved Interior Design education and experience in accordance with the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Approved Education</th>
<th>Minimum Experience Required</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ID-1 (Per Rule 5.31(a)(1)) Graduation from a program granted professional status by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) or the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) or from an interior design education program outside the U.S. that is substantially equivalent to a FIDER-accredited or NAAB-accredited professional program</td>
<td>2 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID-2 (Per Rule 5.31(a)(2)) A doctorate, master’s degree, or baccalaureate degree in interior design from a degree program that does not satisfy the requirements of category ID-1</td>
<td>3 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID-3 (Per Rule 5.31(a)(3)) A baccalaureate degree in a field other than interior design plus an associate’s degree or a two-year or three-year certificate from an interior design program at an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)</td>
<td>3 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID-4 (Per Rule 5.31(a)(4)) A baccalaureate degree in a field other than interior design plus an associate’s degree or a two-year or three-year certificate from a foreign interior design program approved or accredited by an agency acceptable to the Board</td>
<td>3 1/2 years</td>
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(b) An Applicant may not earn credit in more than one of categories ID-1 through ID-4.
5.202 Description of Approved Experience for Registration by Examination

(a) Every Applicant must successfully demonstrate that he/she has gained the minimum experience required for registration by examination in accordance with the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE</th>
<th>Credit Allowed</th>
<th>Maximum Credit</th>
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<tr>
<td>ID-7</td>
<td>Diversified experience directly related to interior design as an employee working under the direct supervision of a registered interior designer or architect</td>
<td>full credit</td>
<td>No limit</td>
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<tr>
<td>ID-8</td>
<td>Diversified experience directly related to interior design when the experience is not under the direct supervision of a registered interior designer or architect</td>
<td>half credit</td>
<td>1 year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID-9</td>
<td>Teaching on a full-time basis in a FIDER-accredited program in interior design</td>
<td>full credit</td>
<td>1 year</td>
</tr>
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</table>

(b) An Applicant must earn at least one year of experience credit under the conditions described in category ID-7.

(c) In order to earn credit in category ID-7 or ID-8, an Applicant must:
   (1) work at least thirty-five (35) hours per week for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive weeks; or
   (2) for half credit, work between twenty (20) and thirty-four (34) hours per week for a minimum of six (6) consecutive months.

(d) In order to earn credit in category ID-9, an Applicant must teach subjects that are directly related to the practice of interior design. An Applicant may earn one year of credit by teaching for twenty (20) semester credit hours or thirty (30) quarter credit hours.

(e) An Applicant may not earn credit for experience gained prior to the date the Applicant completed the educational requirements for interior design registration by examination in Texas.

5.203 OTHER EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

An Applicant may earn credit for education or experience other than under the conditions described in Sections 5.201 and 5.202 of this subchapter if the Board considers such education or experience to be substantially equivalent to the education and experience described therein. For purposes of this subsection, education may be considered as experience.