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Registration of Interior Designer Application

All spaces must be completed. This application <u>must be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of</u> **\$190.00** made payable to "*Treasurer*, *State of Connecticut*." Application fees are non-refundable. Please Note: Architects licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee. All registrations expire annually on December 31st.

→ Return your completed application and fee to:

Department of Consumer Protection, License Services, 450 Columbus Blvd, Ste 801, Hartford, CT 06103

First Name		Middle	Initial	Last Name					
Residence Street Address			City		State	Zip Code			
Telephone Number	Email Address	nail Address							
Social Security Number	Date of Birth		Place of Birth						
Have you ever been convicted of a felony crime? Yes No If Yes, attach a statement including the date(s) of the conviction(s), the court(s) where the case(s) were decided and a description of the circumstances involved.									
Have you ever been refused a Certificate of Registration as an Interior Designer or held such registration which lapsed, was suspended, or been revoked by any State or Territory of the United States? Yes No If Yes, please include a written explanation with this application.									
Have you ever applied for registration as an Interior Designer in the State of Connecticut prior to this application? Yes No If Yes, please specify the date//									
Employer Name/Business Name if Self Employed									
Business Street Address			City		State	Zip Code			
Business Telephone Number	Business Email Addres	SS							
<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>									
The undersigned being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that all information contained in this application to the best of his/her knowledge and belief are true and made in good faith.									
Signature of Applicant				\overline{Date}					
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of 20									
Signature of Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Superior Court My Commission Expires									

QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

You must submit proof of any one of the following categories as qualification for registration as an Interior Designer. Check the appropriate category.

- □ Passed the Uniform National Examination established by the National Council for Interior Designer Qualification. (NCIDQ must forward an official copy of your grades in support of your application)
- □ Passed any other examination with standards or requirements equal to or greater than those established by NCIDQ. (Applicant must submit documents and other materials, with this application, for the Commissioner to determine equivalency)
- ☐ An architect licensed in the State of Connecticut. (Applicant must submit a copy of his/her current Connecticut Architect's license with this application)
- □ Currently registered or licensed in another State having registration or licensing standards or requirements equal to or greater than the standards or requirements established in Chapter 396A. (Applicant must submit proof of such registration/licensing, with this application, for the Commissioner to determine equivalency)

INTERIOR DESIGNERS Ch. 396a of the General Statues of Connecticut

Sec. 20-377k. Definitions. As used in this chapter: (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and (2) "interior designer" means a person qualified by education, experience and examination who (A) identifies, researches and creatively solves problems pertaining to the function and quality of the interior environment; and (B) performs services relative to interior spaces, including programming, design analysis, space planning and aesthetics, using specialized knowledge of non-load-bearing interior construction, building systems and components, building codes, equipment, materials and furnishings; and (C) prepares plans and specifications for non-load-bearing interior construction, materials, finishes, space planning, reflected ceiling plans, furnishings, fixtures and equipment relative to the design of interior spaces in order to enhance and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Sec. 20-377l. Use of title. Use of seal. (a) No person shall use the title "registered interior designer" or display or use any words, letters, figures, title, sign, seal, advertisement or other device to indicate that such person is a registered interior designer in this state, unless such person (1) has obtained a certificate of registration as provided in sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive; or (2) is an architect licensed in this state.

(b) Any person holding a certificate of registration under this chapter may utilize a seal. Such seal shall only include: (1) The name of such person, (2) the words "Registered Interior Designer, State of Connecticut", and (3) such person's registration number.

Sec. 20-377m. Application for certificate of registration. Fee. (a) A person seeking a certificate of registration as an interior designer shall apply to the commissioner in writing, on a form provided by the commissioner. Such application shall include the applicant's name, residence address, business address and such other information as the commissioner may by regulation require.

(b) Each application for a certificate of registration shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred ninety dollars, provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee.

Sec. 20-377n. Qualifications for certificate of registration. Reciprocity. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person shall be issued a certificate of registration as an interior designer unless such person submits satisfactory proof that such person has passed (1) the uniform national examination established by the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications or (2) any other examination with standards or requirements equal to or greater than those established by such council, provided the requirements of this subsection shall not apply to an architect licensed in this state.

(b) The commissioner may issue a certificate of registration as an interior designer, without examination, to any person who is currently registered or licensed in another state having registration or licensing standards or requirements equal to or greater than the standards or requirements established in sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive

Sec. 20-3770. Issuance of certificate of registration. Suspension, revocation, refusal to issue or renew. Notice and hearing. (a) Upon receipt of a completed application and fee, the commissioner shall: (1) Issue and deliver to the applicant a certificate of registration as an interior designer; or (2) refuse to issue such certificate. The commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew any certificate issued under sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, for any of the reasons stated in section 20-377s.

(b) Upon refusal to issue a certificate, the commissioner shall notify the applicant of the denial and of the applicant's right to request a hearing within ten days from the date of receipt of the notice of denial.

(c) If the applicant requests a hearing within such ten days, the commissioner shall give notice of the grounds for the commissioner's refusal and shall conduct a hearing concerning such refusal in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning contested cases.

Sec. 20-377p. Certificate of registration. Roster of registered interior designers, licensed architects and other information. Index and record. A certificate of registration as an interior designer shall be evidence that the person named in the certificate is entitled to the rights and privileges of a registered interior designer while such certificate remains in effect. The commissioner shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all registered interior designers, all architects licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 390 and of such other information as the commissioner may by regulation require. Annually, during the month of September, the commissioner shall place such roster on file with the Secretary of the State and with the building department and library of each town. The commissioner shall maintain an index and record of each certificate of registration. A certificate shall remain in effect until revoked or suspended as provided in section 20-377s. The posting of such roster on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site shall constitute compliance with the requirements of this section.

Sec. 20-377q. Investigations. Subpoenas. Injunctions. (a) The commissioner may conduct investigations and hold hearings on any matter under the provisions of sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive. The commissioner may issue subpoenas, administer oaths, compel testimony and order the production of books, records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to produce any book, record, paper or document when so ordered, upon application of the commissioner, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section.

(b) The Attorney General, at the request of the commissioner, is authorized to apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the Superior Court for an order temporarily or permanently restraining and enjoining any person from violating any provision of sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive.

Sec. 20-377r. Grounds for revocation or suspension of certificate of registration. Notice and hearing. (a) The commissioner may revoke or suspend any certificate of registration as an interior designer for: (1) Conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the public or the commissioner; (2) gross incompetence or (3) violation of any of the provisions of sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, or any regulation adopted pursuant to any of such provisions.

(b) The commissioner shall not revoke or suspend any certificate of registration as an interior designer except upon notice and hearing in accordance with chapter 54. Sec. 20-377s. Inclusion of certificate of registration number in advertisement and written communication. Prohibitions. Transfer. Expiration of certificate. Renewal fees. (a) A registered interior designer shall include his or her certificate of registration number in any advertisement and may include his or her certificate of registration number in any written communication.

(b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a material nature to the commissioner for the purpose of procuring a certificate, (3) use or attempt to use a certificate which has expired or which has been suspended or revoked, (4) represent himself falsely as, or impersonate, a registered interior designer, or (5) represent in any manner that his certificate of registration constitutes an endorsement of the quality of his workmanship or of his competency by the commissioner.

- (c) Certificates of registration issued to an interior designer shall not be transferable or assignable.
- (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of sections 20-377k to 20-377y, inclusive, shall expire annually,
- (e) The fee for renewal of a certificate of registration as an interior designer shall be one hundred ninety dollars, provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee.

Sec. 20-377t. Regulations. The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54, in order to carry out the provisions of sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive.

Sec. 20-377u. Appeals. Any person aggrieved by an order or decision of the commissioner under sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

Sec. 20-377v. Penalties. Any person who knowingly, wilfully or intentionally violates any provision of sections 20-377k to 20-377u, inclusive, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and imprisoned.