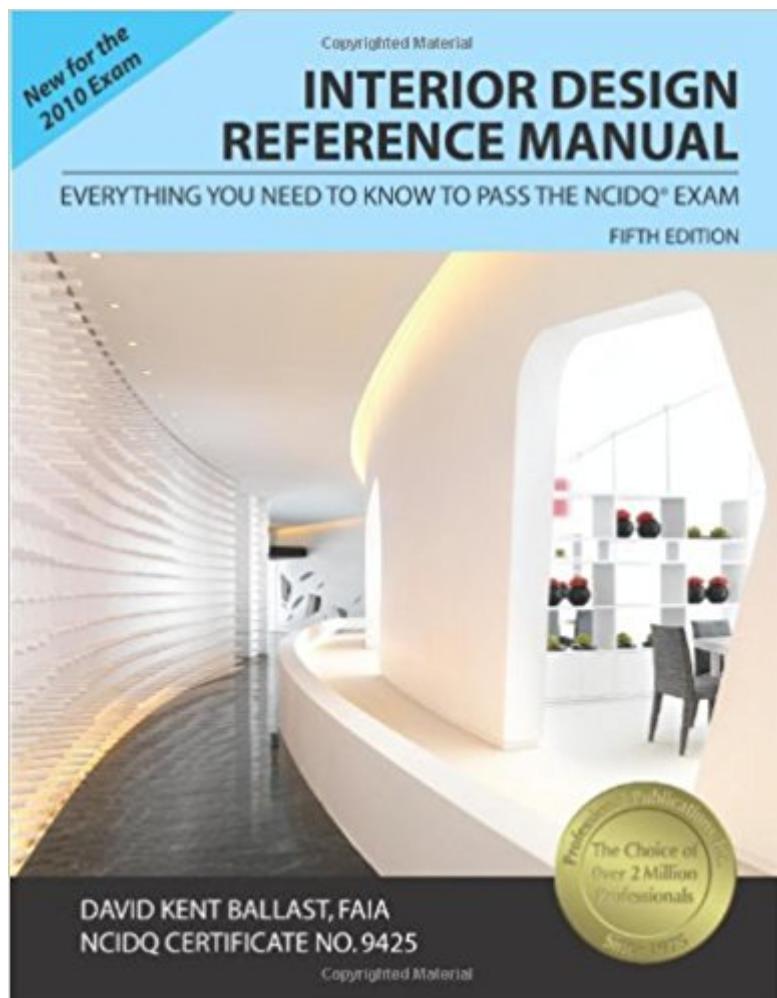


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# Interior Design Reference Manual: Everything You Need To Know To Pass The NCIDQ® Exam



## Synopsis

Successful exam preparation requires the best resources, and the Interior Design Reference Manual offers the most complete preparation available for all three sections of the NCIDQ exam. This thorough preparation has enabled thousands of candidates to pass their exams. In this fifth edition, exam content areas are covered chapter by chapter in the same order as the current NCIDQ exam specifications. Topics new to the exam have been added, and the sections on sustainable building and product certification rating systems have been expanded due to the topics' increasing importance on the exam and in the practice of interior design. This book's extensive coverage and clear organization will guide you through a comprehensive and focused exam review. Once you pass the exam, the Interior Design Reference Manual will serve as an excellent reference for your daily interior design practice. The Interior Design Reference Manual covers everything interior designers need to know about the 2009 International Building Code, ADA Accessibility Guidelines, business practices, ethics, and design standards. Prepare to pass the NCIDQ exam with a thorough review of all exam content areas over 240 figures that illustrate interior design concepts and codes study guidelines, exam tips, strategies, and insights an extensive index containing more than 3,000 entries of interior design terms and phrases.

**Exam Content Areas Covered** Building Systems Codes Contract Administration Construction Standards Design Application Professional Practice Project Coordination

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Considering the nature of and volume of information in this manual, it is in a remarkably easy to understand format. I am impressed with how organized and well laid out it is and the effort that must have gone into putting so much information together. As Ballast covers in his acknowledgements...every five years the NCIDQ commissions a practice analysis that is made to ensure the exam "continues to accurately assess the knowledge and skills needed by interior designers" and this book is updated accordingly and adds two new topics covered on the exam and also reorganized the content to match the new exam specifications. With each section the order of topics follows the order of the exam specifications. All code information has been updated to the 2009 International Building Code. Thoroughly covers all sections. It also includes information on preparing for the actual exam that is extremely useful such as all the materials you'll need on exam day, what is not allowed on exam day, problems you may encounter, what happens after the exam etc. Short of sending a computer or robot in to take the exam for you, this manual really does include everything you need to know to pass the exam.

I purchased this guide about 3 months before taking the NCIDQ exam. I used the study guide it provided and read this book cover to cover. It is a must-have study guide if you plan to take the exam and not take a study course. It was very thorough and easy to understand.

This is a comprehensive study guide, spanning nearly 600 pages, for the NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) Exam. It can also be used as a design reference on the job. Before you buy this book or register to take the exam, you should check the latest test-taking eligibility requirements. According to NCIDQ, "at least six years of combined college-level interior design education and interior design work experience" are required. If the college education is not CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation)-accredited, then it must have "no less than 120 semester or 180 quarter credits, of which no less than 60 semester or 90 quarter credits are interior design coursework". There are five different routes to attain qualification for taking the NCIDQ exam. There is a chart which you can download from the NCIDQ website. If you want to use this book as a study guide for the NCIDQ Exam, rather than a reference manual, I'd suggest you to also get practice

questions for sections 1, 2, and 3. They are not inexpensive; each book is about 100 pages long and costs \$44 to \$65.

This book was required for the NCIDQ Study course (6 weeks) I took after finishing interior design school. As a new graduate, I am able to take the IDFX section right after graduation. I will be required to get work experience prior to taking the other two portions of the exam. This book was great for going over various components of the IDFX (Fundamentals) exam. This book was a great review of what I learned in school. It also was a refresher of what I had forgotten from school. Overall, this was a great book. The reason I did not give it a 5 was that the practice tests given in the class had a few questions with answers that seemed contradictory or were sometimes wrong enough our instructor said she would contact NCIDQ for clarification. I would definitely recommend this book for studying for the NCIDQ or for refreshing your knowledge of what you learned in interior design school.

NCIDQ is a non profit organization involved in certification of interior designers. The examination is objective type/multiple answer type and covers a wide variety of topics related to construction and design - plumbing, acoustics, lighting ....The book is a comprehensive reference manual for those taking up the NCIDQ exam for interior design - getting certified will improve prospective candidates job opportunities and just looked up on monster and there are a few jobs that ask for NCIDQ certified candidates. Good: - the book is a good reference manual - Comprehensive - covering the length and breadth Bad - No sample Q&A

I am in the process of studying for my NCIDQ exams and this is really a great study guide. I also bought the flash cards as a companion to this and it seems to be helping me go into these exams more confident.

This fifth edition of the "Interior Design Reference Manual" is put together very nicely. The headers stand out easily. The book has an easy-to-read layout with sharp, clear and meaningful illustrations. The index is easy to utilize - the index headers, though bold, could have been a bit bolder - the pages throughout the reference are clearly and boldly marked with both a top-right section header title and a 'section-hyphen-subsection' format page numbering at the bottom of each page. This reference is pleasantly more than I had anticipated it to be. I'm really impressed with the content in this reference, as it covers everything one needs to know about structural requirements, materials

selection, job estimation, accessibility, ergonomics and so much more fascinatingly interesting information essential to passing the NCIDQ exam. Whether you're actually taking the NCIDQ exam or you just have a curiosity about Interior Design, you would do very well to choose this thorough, valuable reference. I'm very happy with it.

I passed the NCIDQ so I'd say it is a good book! Also, if you are having problems sleeping there is no need to count sheep....just start reading a chapter in bed and you'll be out in no time. On a serious note, I do suggest doing flash cards and practice tests too. If you have a local study group, go to it.

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