2011/08: NCIDQ Opens Continuing Education Registry to All Users

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Since the National Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. [NCIDQ] has opened its popular online continuing education registry to all users. Previously, the registry was an exclusive, free benefit for active NCIDQ Certificate holders, who could use the self-reporting system to record and track their CE activity.
“When we launched the online CE system earlier this year, we heard overwhelmingly positive feedback from our Certificate holders who loved the instant access to their data at no additional fee,” explains NCIDQ Executive Director Jeff Kenney. “Almost immediately, we heard from other interior design professionals who wanted a reliable and efficient method for CE tracking, so we decided to open the registry to others as a subscription-based product.”

Active NCIDQ Certificate holders will continue to enjoy free access to the registry, while all others pay a $60 fee for 12 months of access. At the end of the subscription period, users can choose to renew their subscription. The online system provides users the flexibility to enter their courses upon completion and view and print their updated registry instantly. Users enter the course name, date, presenter and amount of credit. They will also provide information on the course content and identify the domain, such as health & safety, welfare, general knowledge, etc.

The online registry replaces the 15-year old paper-based continuing education registry, which required participants to mail in forms and pay $12 to add each class they take into their registry. The paper-based system was closed down earlier this month, but individuals’ transcripts are available until June 30, 2012 through NCIDQ’s online store, QShop.

Access to the online system is through NCIDQ’s secure MyNCIDQ portal. Anyone who has ever applied for IDEP or the NCIDQ Examination (whether completed or not), taken any part(s) of the NCIDQ Examination (regardless of when) or received the NCIDQ Certificate already has account established. Individuals who have not previously applied for or taken the NCIDQ Examination will need to create an account.

The instructions for purchasing access are within the individual’s MyNCIDQ account. If you need help access your existing account name or password, please email NCIDQ’s Customer Service team. Click the link to review step-by-step instructions on creating an account or logging CE activity.

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