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Frequently Asked Questions

IDC Membership

Q: What are the benefits of becoming an IDC member?
A: As the national advocacy body for the interior design profession in Canada, IDC is committed to delivering high quality services and products for our members at every stage of their career, as well as advocating to government and the wider business community on behalf of Canada's talented interior design industry.

Q: Who can become a member of IDC?
A: Membership types and categories are listed on IDC's website.

Q: Why have IDC's member categories changed?
A: In consultation with the IDC board of directors and feedback from members, IDC has simplified its membership categories to reduce financial barriers wherever possible and allow access to industry allies to support the association and Canadian interior designers.

Q: What has changed specifically in the current membership categories chart?
A: The membership categories chart is now aligned with IDC's by-laws in portraying voting and non-voting members and related subcategories of membership.

Q: Who qualifies to be an Allied member of IDC?
A: Allied members are individuals who are associated with the profession of interior design, or individuals who can provide proof of current membership in other national or international associations such as: ASID, CIP, CSLA, IDEC, IIDA, RAIC, AAA, SBID, etc.

Q: Does IDC issue a membership card?
A: No, IDC does not issue a membership IDC card. If you require. Your membership dues invoice serves as your proof of membership. For members who do not receive a membership dues invoice, but require proof of IDC membership, your welcome letter from the IDC CEO is your proof of membership. If you require additional proof or documents, please contact us at info@idcanada.org.

Q: Who are voting members at IDC?
A: Voting members are IDC Registered members – those individuals who are active Registered, Licensed, Professional, or Certified members, in good standing, of any provincial interior design regulatory body in

Canada; including any members that are Non-Resident Registered. Registered members may use the 'IDC' designation.

Q: Who are non-voting members at IDC?
A: Non-voting members are IDC Affiliate members such as *students* who are actively enrolled as a student in a post-secondary program of interior design education at any university, college, or institution accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA); *interns* who have completed a recognized interior design educational program and are engaged in the work experience portion of their path to full registered membership; active *educator*s in post-secondary interior design education at any university, college, or accredited school of interior design; *allied* members who hold membership in other national or international associations, or individuals who are associated with the profession of interior design; and *retired* practitioners who have been members of IDC for a minimum of three years and have retired from the practice of interior design. Affiliate members may not use the 'IDC' designation.

Q: What are IDC member benefits?
A: As the national advocacy body for the interior design profession in Canada, we are committed to delivering high quality services and products that provide measurable benefits for our members at every stage of their career, as well as advocating to government and the wider business community on behalf of Canada's talented interior design industry.

Benefits of becoming a member include:

- Online access to job opportunities through IDC's Career Centre
- Exclusive deals and discounts on insurance rates, auto rentals, and more
- Education seminars and webinars (CEUs)
- Access to industry research and stats for small and large businesses
- Advocacy tools to help you succeed
- Opportunities to apply for annual awards and scholarships
- Access to networking events
- Access to international trade missions
- Electronic industry news and updates
- Promotion on IDC's social media channels

Q: What are the benefits of membership for students and interns?
A: IDC helps students and interns build their professional network and stay up to date with the latest industry news and trends. Membership is free for students.
Benefits of membership include:

- Access to job opportunities through IDC's online Career Centre
- Annual awards, bursaries, and scholarships
- Connections to senior designers and industry manufacturers
- Exclusive discounts and invitations to industry networking events
- Educational seminars and webinars

Q: What is the application process for new members?
A: New applicants must complete the appropriate application form below and pay the membership dues associated with their membership type:

a) Application form for students
b) Application form for new members

Q: Is membership with IDC mandatory to be able to practise as an interior designer in Canada?
A: Membership with IDC is not mandatory to practise as an interior designer in Canada. As a national advocacy body, IDC provides connections to industry manufacturers and suppliers, access to professional development courses (CEUs), national and international opportunities, information on national trends and updates in design.

Q: Which options exist for those who are soon retiring, but wish to stay connecting to their industry?
A: IDC has a 'Retired' membership category, for those who are no longer practising as interior designers, but wish to remain connected to the industry. There is no membership dues fee for retired members. Interested individuals should complete the application form for new members.

Q: What is the deadline for payment of membership dues?
A: Please pay your IDC membership dues by March 1 to avoid late fees. Members who pay their annual dues before December 31 receive a discounted rate.

Q: How can I access my invoices and payment records?
A: Log into your IDC profile, then scroll to the bottom of the page to Financial History, then find the recent invoice by date.

While here, you can update your IDC profile including current employer, mailing address, phone number, email, website, and social media accounts. Inform IDC of your preferred email for communications (newsletters, invoice reminders).

If you are unable to login, request a password/login reset through info@idcanada.org.

Q. Can I pay by cheque?
A: Yes, send a cheque addressed to membership with your invoice number to 51 Wolseley Street Toronto, ON, M5T 1A4.

Q. I'm going on maternity leave, what should I do about my membership?
A: Contact your provincial association and IDC to change your membership to inactive. Inform us when you return to work to update your membership status.

Q: I intend to take time off work, what should I do about my membership?
A: Contact your provincial association and IDC to change your membership to inactive. Inform us when you return to work to update your membership status.

Q: Can I cancel my membership and be refunded dues?
A: Membership fees are non-refundable, non-transferable and are not pro-rated.

Questions?
Please contact our membership team:

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