

What is a CEU?

A Continuing Education Unit is a measurement of contact hours and credit assigned to an approved course. One contact hour is referred to as 0.1 CEU for designers or one learning hour for architects.

What are the continuing education compliance requirements?

Professional and Associate Members of IIDA are required to complete and report 10 hours of continuing education for a 24-month compliance period. All active AIA members must successfully complete 18 learning unit (LU) hours each year, with at least 8 of the 18 LU hours relating to health, safety, and/or welfare (HSW).

What continuing education options are available to members?

CEU courses are available in many venues and formats to enable members to fulfill their continuing education requirements. Some options include:

- Courses sponsored by professional associations at chapter meetings.
- Home study courses on CD, DVD, and the web.
- Travel/Study Tours.
- Courses approved by affiliated organizations - ASID, IDC, IDEC, IFMA, AIA, IIDA, NKBA.
- Courses taught by professional consultants.
- Courses offered at tradeshow
- Self study courses published in industry publications such as Perspective Magazine.
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How are CEU credits registered?

CEU credits are registered through NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification), the official clearinghouse for all professional interior design organizations that offer CEU courses. Attendees can register credits onsite at tradeshow seminars if the course is pre-approved, or register the credits through the IIDA Education Department via the Individual Approval Reporting Form if the course is not pre-approved. Once a course is approved by NCIDQ it is automatically approved by IIDA/ASID/IDC/IDEC/AIA. For AIA accreditation the CEU Programs Administrator assigns a course number and submits the course to AIA.

Professional Associations – definitions

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) is the largest organization of professional interior designers in the world. A list of schools with ASID student chapters can be obtained from the National Headquarters. ASID, 608 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone 202.546.3480 Fax 202.546.3240.

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is an internationally recognized organization representing design educators and professional

interior designers practicing in commercial, education & research, facility planning and design, government, healthcare, hospitality, residential, and retail design. IIDA, 13-122 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654-1104. Phone 312.467.1950 Fax 312.467.0779.

Interior Designers of Canada (IDC) is the national interior design association of Canada with member associations in eight provinces. IDC, Ontario Design Centre, 260 King Street East, #414, Toronto, Ontario M5A 1K3, Canada. Phone 416.594.9310 Fax 416.594.9313

The Interior Design Educators Council, Inc. (IDEC) is dedicated to strengthening the lines of communication among educators, institutions, and other organizations concerned with interior design. For a Career Guide Brochure, a listing of graduate programs, newsletter copies, or membership information, write: IDEC, 9202 North Meridian, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Phone 317.816.6261 Fax 317.571.5603.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) is an independent organization created in the public interest to establish minimum standards and to develop and administer a minimum competency examination for the qualification of professional interior designers. NCIDQ, 1200 18th Street NW, Suite 1001, Washington DC 20036-2506. Phone 202.721.0220 Fax 202.721.0221.

AIA The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architectural profession, dedicated to serving its members, advancing their value, and improving the quality of the built environment.

AIAS - American Institute of Architects Students is an organization that strives to promote excellence in architecture education, training, and practice; foster an appreciation of architecture and related disciplines; enrich communities in a spirit of collaboration and organize students and combine their efforts to advance the art and science of architecture.

IFMA The International Facility Management Association is the largest and most widely recognized professional association for facility management, supporting approximately 18,000 members. IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the largest facility management-related conference and exposition. International Facility Management Association, 1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100 • Houston, TX • 77046-0194. Phone: 713.623.4362

What are HSW credits?

All active AIA members must successfully complete 18 learning unit (LU) hours each year, with at least 8 of the 18 LU hours relating to health, safety, and/or welfare (HSW). The AIA definition for health, safety, and welfare (HSW) is based

on the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). It determines whether an applicant for an architectural licensure has sufficient knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide services while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Course topics can vary by state but some examples are:

- Acoustics
- Building design
- Construction functions, materials, methods, and systems
- Energy efficiency
- Environmental analysis and issues of building materials and systems
- Interior design
- Preservation, renovation, restoration, and adaptive reuse
- Security of buildings, design
- Sustainable design