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NCIDQ's Mission**Greetings!**

Welcome to the August edition of the QLetter, your electronic source for NCIDQ news and updates, industry announcements and calls to action. This month, we're issuing a call for graders across North America. Please read on to learn how you can become part of this elite group.

Graders Needed for Fall Exam

As we told you in the last QLetter, we rely on our network of active Certificate holders to evaluate the Section 3 (Practicum) exams. We are expanding our pool of graders, so we're looking for a diverse group of interior designers who want to serve their profession in this important capacity.

You must attend training before the grading session, you must agree to adhere to the established grading criteria and to abide by a confidentiality agreement. In addition, you must not currently be involved with any sort of exam prep course (such as STEP, TRAC, etc.) and agree not to become involved with one for a certain number of years. Graders also pre-test future exams. Complete requirements are included in the interest survey (see link below).

The next grading session will be held in Dallas, Texas on October 21-24. NCIDQ will reimburse your expenses in accordance with our travel policies. Graders earn CEUs in health, safety and welfare for their participation.

If you are interested in being considered as a grader, please complete the interest survey below by August 13.

If you are selected, we will contact you via email by September 9 with complete information on the event.

Please do not delay responding. We can only consider those active Certificate holders who have answered all the questions on the [interest survey](#) by the August 13 deadline.

BEGIN SURVEY

Thank you in advance for your commitment to the profession and the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare.

If you have questions about the grading session, please [email us](#).

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NCIDQ Announces Spring 2010 Exam Pass Rates

NCIDQ has just released the pass rates for the spring 2010 examination. Historically, NCIDQ has provided pass rates on its total population of examinees. Beginning with the fall 2010 administration, NCIDQ will report the pass rates for first-time test takers only.

Jeff Kenney, NCIDQ's Executive Director, explains: "Most professional licensure and credentialing exams use the data about first-time test takers because this group represents the entire spectrum of candidate abilities, which provides a better snapshot of the candidate population. NCIDQ started out as a small program, and we didn't have the luxury of developing meaningful data in the beginning; therefore we always reported data on the total candidate group. However, now that we have substantially more candidates who take the test each year, we can follow more typical protocol for this type of examination."

For the spring 2010 administration, the pass rates for first-time test takers are:

Section 1 Codes, Building Systems, Construction Standards and Contract Administration	83%
Section 2 Design Application, Project Coordination and Professional Practice	75%
Section 3 Interior Design Practicum	72%

You can [read the complete results](#) of the spring 2010 pass rates on our Web site.

New Study Materials Available for Exam

Know someone prepping for the fall exam? NCIDQ has just released a second Practice Design Problem (PDP) to help exam candidates prepare for the upcoming exam. This newest PDP is based on the spring 2010 exam and includes three solutions to help users understand how the exams are scored.



The all-new PDP is a complete sample examination that includes all the exercises on the actual examination. It comes with problem booklets, building codes, 18"x24" vellum drawing sheets and online examples of a passing and failing solution. Your online access begins upon

purchase. The online solutions do not include the problem assignments.

PDPs are available exclusively through the NCIDQ Web site. [Learn more and place your order today!](#)

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