

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF
ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN AND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 623.140 and 623.192.

A REGULATION relating to interior designers; authorizing the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design to issue a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer to an applicant who submits certain information to the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design to adopt regulations governing the examination of applicants for certificates to practice interior design in this State. (NRS 623.140) Existing law also provides that an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer must submit to the Board proof which is satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed a program of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation or any successor in interest to that organization. Alternatively, an applicant for a certificate of registration may submit proof which is satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has successfully completed a substantially equivalent program of interior design approved by the Board. (NRS 623.192) Where an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer submits proof that the applicant has successfully completed a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, existing regulations require the Executive Director of the Board to establish a subcommittee of the Board to review the application. (NAC 623.572) **Section 1** of this regulation exempts an application for a certificate of registration from review by such a subcommittee if the applicant submits to the Board a letter of approval from the National Council for Interior Design Qualification indicating that the applicant has successfully completed an alternative program of interior design developed jointly by the Board and the National Council. **Section 1** also authorizes the Board to issue a certificate of registration to such an applicant.

Existing regulations prohibit the Board from approving a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation unless that program complies with certain requirements. (NAC 623.574) **Section 2** of this regulation exempts from those requirements an alternative program of interior design which is jointly developed by the Board and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

Section 1. NAC 623.572 is hereby amended to read as follows:

623.572 1. The provisions of this section ~~apply~~ :

(a) Apply only to an application submitted pursuant to NRS 623.192 by an applicant who has successfully completed a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

(b) Do not apply to an applicant who submits to the Board a letter of approval from the National Council for Interior Design Qualification or its successor organization indicating that the applicant has successfully completed an alternative program of interior design jointly developed by the Board and the National Council. The Board may issue a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer to such an applicant.

2. Upon the receipt of an application and appropriate supporting information ~~from an~~ *from an applicant specified in paragraph (a) of subsection 1*, the Executive Director shall:

(a) Establish a subcommittee of the Board to review the application. If possible, at least one of the members of the subcommittee must be a registered interior designer. A subcommittee established pursuant to this paragraph may be composed of architects or registered interior designers who hold a certificate of registration issued pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS.

(b) Provide each member of the subcommittee with a copy of each pending application and any supporting information.

3. The subcommittee shall:

(a) Meet at least once during each period of 90 days in which any applications are awaiting its review.

(b) Meet in a closed session to consider the qualifications of an applicant.

(c) Weigh the application against the requirements of NAC 623.562 to 623.594, inclusive.

(d) Open its meeting to the public when taking any action.

4. After the subcommittee reviews an application, the subcommittee shall:

(a) Provide the applicant with its preliminary decision concerning the application.

(b) If the subcommittee finds that the application and supporting information:

(1) Are sufficient to determine whether the program of interior design completed by the applicant is substantially equivalent to a program of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, recommend to the Board whether to approve pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 the program of interior design completed by the applicant. The application will be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(2) Are not sufficient to determine whether the program of interior design completed by the applicant is substantially equivalent to a program of interior design accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, provide the applicant with a written request for the information necessary to make that determination. Within 90 days after receiving such a request, the applicant must provide to the subcommittee an original and three additional copies of the information requested or a written request for additional time to supplement the information supporting the application, or may notify the subcommittee of the applicant's intention not to supplement that supporting information. Within 90 days after the subcommittee receives any supplemental information from an applicant pursuant to this subparagraph, the subcommittee shall forward to the Board its recommendation of whether to approve pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 the program of interior design completed by the applicant.

5. As used in this section, “application” means an application submitted pursuant to NRS 623.192 by an applicant who has successfully completed a program of interior design which is not accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

Sec. 2. NAC 623.574 is hereby amended to read as follows:

623.574 The Board:

1. Will act upon any recommendations submitted pursuant to NAC 623.572 in a public meeting, but may hold a closed session to receive evidence concerning the competence of an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer.

2. ~~Will~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NAC 623.572, will* not approve pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 623.192 the program of interior design completed by an applicant unless that program complies with the requirements of NAC 623.576, the minimum requirements for satisfaction of the standards set forth in NAC 623.578 to 623.594, inclusive, and at least nine of the additional criteria set forth in NAC 623.578 to 623.594, inclusive, for the satisfaction of those standards.