**Section 1255.40 Full-time Diversified Professional Experience**

a) Required diversified professional experience in interior design shall meet the minimum requirements outlined in Section 8(a) of the Act and shall be in any one or combination of the following interior design related fields:

1) Commercial Design

2) Institutional/Educational

3) Governmental

4) Hospitality/Restaurant

5) Facilities Management

6) Residential Design

7) Kitchen/Bath

8) Store Planning/Retail

9) Industrial/Manufacturing

10) Health Care

b) All experience shall have been acquired after completion of a minimum of 2 years of a design or interior design related education program.

c) "Full-time" experience is defined as a minimum of 1,800 hours during a 12-month period. No more than one year credit will be given in a 12-month period.

d) "Part-time" experience is defined as a minimum of 900 hours during a 12-month period. No more than one half year credit will be given in a 12-month period.

e) Approved experience consists of successful performance of work relating to the profession of interior design, as described in Section 3 of the Act, verified by a supervising or sponsor interior designer, architect or owner/manager in an interior design setting.

f) One year of experience will be granted for 2 academic years of full-time teaching experience as defined by the institution in an approved interior design program under Section 1255.30. A maximum of one year of experience for teaching will be awarded. Teaching experience claimed by an applicant must be validated by an official of the school offering the design program.

g) Required diversified professional experience for registration:

1) A graduate of a 4 or 5-year accredited interior design or architecture program requires a minimum of 2 years of interior design experience.

2) A graduate of a 3-year accredited interior design or architecture program requires a minimum of 3 years of interior design experience.

3) A graduate of a 2-year accredited interior design or architecture program requires a minimum of 4 years interior design experience.

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