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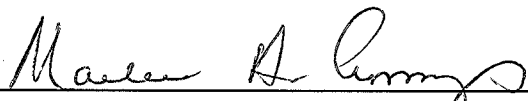
**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and custodian of the official records of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, hereby certify that the annexed rules were duly approved and adopted by the Department of Regulation and Licensing on the 13th day of December, 1996.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this office and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the department at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin this 13th day of December, 1996.



**Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary
Department of Regulation and
Licensing**

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING : ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION : LICENSING ADOPTING RULES
AND LICENSING : (CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 96-150)

ORDER

An order of the Department of Regulation and Licensing to create chapter RL 130 relating to examinations and continuing education requirements for interior designers.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

ANALYSIS

Statutes authorizing promulgation: s. 227.11 (2), Stats., and ss. 440.962 (1) (e), 440.964 and 440.966 (2), Stats., as created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 322

Statutes interpreted: ss. 440.962 (1) (e), 440.964 and 440.966 (2), Stats.

In this proposed rule-making order, the Department of Regulation and Licensing creates rules relating to the regulation of interior designers, which was created by 1995 Wisconsin Act 322. 1995 Wisconsin Act 322 requires applicants to register and to have taken an examination or, depending on past experience and education, at least the building and barrier-free codes section of the examination administered by the National Council for Interior Design. These proposed rules address the different examinations that may be taken, penalties for cheating on examinations, conditions under which an examination may be retaken after a candidate has failed the examination and procedures for review of a failed examination.

1995 Wisconsin Act 322 also requires registered interior designers, at the time that they apply for renewal of a certificate of registration, to submit proof of completion of continuing education requirements. The proposed rules specify the number of hours of continuing education which registered interior designers must complete before renewal, course contents, approval of the providers of such education, approval of course instructors and acceptable proof of having completed the education.

Section RL 130.01 provides the authority for Chapter RL 130. Section RL 130.02 sets forth the examination requirements that are required before an applicant may become a registered interior designer. Section RL 130.03 designates the continuing education requirements for registered interior designers and sets forth the criteria for approval of continuing education programs and instructors.

TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. Chapter RL 130 is created to read:

Chapter RL 130

INTERIOR DESIGNERS

RL 130.01 AUTHORITY. The rules in ch. RL 130 are adopted pursuant to s. 227.11 (2), Stats., and ss. 440.962 (1) (e), 440.964, and 440.966 (2), Stats., and govern registered interior designers.

RL 130.02 EXAMINATIONS. (1) EXAMINATIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SEC. 440.964 (1) (a), STATS. Under s. 440.964 (1) (a), Stats., an applicant for registration as an interior designer shall pass one of the following:

(a) The interior design examination of the national council for interior design qualification administered in 1990 or later.

(b) The building and barrier free codes section of the interior design examination of the national council for interior design qualification administered in 1990 or later, if an applicant has passed the examination of the national council for interior design qualification prior to 1990.

(c) The building and barrier free codes section of the interior design examination of the national council for interior design qualification administered in 1990 or later, if an applicant has passed the interior design examination of the council for qualification of residential interior designers.

(2) EXAMINATION REVIEW. An applicant who fails an examination under sub. (1) may request a review of the examination as permitted by the examination provider. If a review is permitted, the following conditions apply:

(a) The applicant shall file a written request to the department within 30 days of the date on which examination results were mailed and pay the fee under s. RL 4.05.

(b) An examination review is by appointment only and shall be limited to the time permitted by the examination provider.

(c) An applicant may not be accompanied during the review by any person other than the proctors.

(d) An applicant may not remove any notes from the examination area.

(3) **PASSING SCORE.** In order to pass an examination listed under sub. (1), an applicant shall receive a score determined by the department to represent minimum competence to practice. The department may adopt the passing score recommended by the examination provider.

(4) **CHEATING.** The department may deny release of scores or issuance of registration if the department determines that the applicant violated rules of conduct of the examination or otherwise acted dishonestly.

(5) **REEXAMINATION.** There is no limit on the number of times an applicant may be reexamined.

RL 130.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION. (1) In this section:

(a) "Approved educational program" means a program of education relating to the general subject matter of interior design that, together with its instructors, is approved by the American society of interior designers, the interior design continuing education council, the international interior design association, the interior design education council, the interior designers of Canada, or other body recognized by the department.

(b) "Hour" means 50 minutes of classroom instruction.

(2) A registered interior designer shall attend and successfully complete at least 9 hours of an approved educational program before each renewal date. If a registered interior designer is initially registered less than 6 months before the first renewal date, the requirement of this subsection does not apply before the first renewal date.

(3) A registered interior designer who acts as an instructor of an approved educational program shall receive one hour of credit for each hour of teaching toward satisfaction of the educational requirement. A registered interior designer may not receive credit for teaching a specific approved educational program more than one time.

(4) The department may grant an extension of time for completion of the educational requirements for one of the following reasons:

(a) Health reasons which prevented attendance at the educational program.

(b) Active duty in the military service with assignment to a duty station outside Wisconsin.

(5) A registered interior designer shall certify that he or she has met the educational requirements when applying for renewal of the registration. The department shall withhold issuance of the renewal registration until the certification is provided.

(6) A registered interior designer shall obtain an individual certificate of completion from a program provider upon satisfactory completion of the approved educational program. Registered interior designers shall retain evidence of completion for at least 5 years from the date of completion. The department may require any registered interior designer to submit evidence of having completed the required hours of continuing education for the period specified in sub. (2).

(7) A program and its instructors shall be approved by the American society of interior designers, the interior design continuing education council, the international interior design association, the interior design education council, the interior designers of Canada, or other bodies recognized by the department. Each approved educational program shall relate to the general subject of interior design.

(8) An instructor whose registration as an interior designer has been limited, suspended, or revoked may not instruct in approved educational programs while the disciplinary action is in effect.

(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Dated 12/3/96

Agency Marlene A. Cummings
Marlene A. Cummings, Secretary
Department of Regulation and Licensing



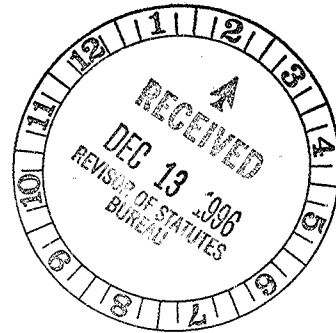
State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 13, 1996

TO: Gary Poulson
Assistant Revisor of Statutes

FROM: Pamela A. Haack, Rules Center Coordinator
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Administrative Rules

SUBJECT: Final Order Adopting Rules



Agency: DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

Clearinghouse Rule 96-150

Attached is a copy and a certified copy of a final order adopting rules. Would you please publish these rules in the register.

Please stamp or sign a copy of this letter to acknowledge receipt.

Thank you.