

2018 Membership Dues FAQ

Q: What are the benefits of becoming an IDC member?

A: As the national advocacy body for the interior design profession in Canada, IDC is committed to delivering high quality services and products for our members at every stage of their career, as well as advocating to government and the wider business community on behalf of Canada's talented interior design industry. [Read more.](#)

Q: Who can become a member of IDC?

A: For a list of membership classes and categories, [click here.](#)

Q: Why have membership dues increased?

A: Current IDC dues restrict both the type and level of services which IDC can provide its members. A slight increase in membership dues allows IDC to deliver its current list of services as well as provide industry research, ongoing government relations, international partnerships and bespoke training for members.

Q: What are the benefits of membership for students and interns?

A: IDC helps students build their professional network and stay up-to-date with the latest industry news and trends. Student membership is \$50 per year, or a one-time fee of \$150 for the duration of studies.

Benefits of membership include:

- Emerging professionals career-building program, exclusively for students and interns
- Access to job opportunities through IDC's online Career Centre
- Awards, bursaries and scholarships
- Connections to senior designers and industry manufacturers
- Exclusive discounts and invitations to industry networking events
- Education seminars and webinars

Q: What is the application process for new members?

A: New applicants must complete the appropriate application form bellow and pay the membership dues associated with their membership type:

- a) [Application form for students](#)
- b) [Application form for new members](#)

Q: Is membership with IDC mandatory in order to practise as an Interior Designer in Canada?

A: Membership with IDC is not mandatory to practise as an interior designer in Canada. As a national advocacy body, IDC provides connections to industry manufacturers and suppliers, access to professional development courses (CEUs), national and international opportunities, information on national trends and updates in design.

Q: Which options exist for those who are soon retiring, but wish to stay connecting to their industry?

A: IDC has a 'Retired' membership category, for those are no longer practising as interior designers, but wish to remain connected to the industry. For more information on membership types and dues, please [click here.](#) Anyone interested in joining IDC as a retired member must complete the [application form](#) and pay the relevant membership dues.

Q: Can all members who pay their membership dues use the 'IDC' appellation?

A: Currently, those in IDC's Registered Member category are allowed to use the 'IDC' appellation. For more information on membership types and dues, [click here.](#)

Q: What is the deadline for payment of membership dues?

A: Please pay your IDC membership dues by January 31, 2018 to avoid late fees.