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THE RIGHT CAREER AND STUDY PATH



Interior Design

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Industry Description

Practitioners in this industry will be required to work closely with clients to design and supervise the interiors of buildings. This may include talking to clients about their needs, preparing and developing designs, estimating costs, organising supplies, visiting clients in their homes and offices and working extended or irregular hours.

Below are some of the particularly demanding requirements. Reasonable Adjustment may apply for individuals with specific support needs in industry training. The learner should have the ability to:

- imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged (visualisation)
- deal with customers and give full attention, taking time to understand and ask questions as appropriate (active listening)
- see details at close range (near vision)
- present information in both oral and written forms
- come up with a number of ideas about a topic (fluency of ideas)
- match or detect differences between colours including shades of colour and brightness (colour vision)
- perceive depth and distance
- gain access to and from clients' venues
- analyse needs and product requirements to create a design.

Below are some of the important personal abilities that are required. The learner should:

- creativity and artistic flair
- the ability to problem solve and think laterally
- the ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- good communication skills
- an aptitude for technical drawing and illustration.

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Workplace Health and Safety

All practitioners must understand their workplace health and safety obligations and safety requirements under the:

- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* which imposes obligations on people at workplaces to ensure workplace health and safety.
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011* that describes what must be done to prevent or control certain hazards which cause injury, illness or death.
- *Codes of Practice*, which are designed to give practical advice about ways to manage exposure to risks common to industry.

All practitioners must be able to participate in Risk Assessments, Incident Reports and Hazard Identification.

Legislative or licensing issues

All practitioners must meet the qualification requirements set by industry standards.

Resources and further information

For more information on duties, tasks and career and labour market information relating to Interior Design, please refer to <http://joboutlook.gov.au>.

Industry information/professional associations

Design Institute of Australia: www.design.org.au

For career resources to help explore and plan careers, visit www.myfuture.edu.au.

This is intended to be used as a tool for career research, in conjunction with other resources. For specific course information, please refer to the TAFE Queensland website www.tafeqld.edu.au or ring 1300 308 233.



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