

THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
ASSESSMENT STATEMENT FOR THE
INDONESIA – PHILIPPINES INTERIOR DESIGNER (IPID)

PART A. INTRODUCTION

1. *Indonesia – Philippines Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Interior Design Services*

The Construction Services Development Board (CSDB) of the Republic of Indonesia or *Lembaga Pengembangan Jasa Konstruksi – LPJK* in Bahasa Indonesia, and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) of the Republic of the Philippines have agreed on the Indonesia – Philippines Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Interior Design Services with the following objectives;

- 1.1 to facilitate the mobility of Interior Designers;
- 1.2 to exchange information in order to promote adoption of best practices on standards of Interior Design education, professional practices and qualifications;
- 1.3 to conform to the spirit of both Parties cooperation on fair distribution of resources and benefits through collaborative researches;
- 1.4 to promote interior design education and training, interior design research and innovation, including but not limited to academic exchanges, workshops, exhibitions, competitions, guest lectures, summer camps, internships; and,
- 1.5 to encourage, facilitate and establish mutual recognition of Interior Designers and set-up standard and commitment of technological transfer between both Parties

2. *Indonesia – Philippines Interior Designer (IPID)*

- 2.1 An Interior Designer who is a national of the Philippines or Indonesia and possesses the qualifications and professional experience requirements specified in Part C of this Assessment Statement may apply to be registered in the Indonesia – Philippines Interior Designer Register (IPIDR) and accorded the title of Indonesia – Philippines Interior Designer (IPID).
- 2.2 Under the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services, the Professional Regulatory Authority (PRA) or in the case of the Philippines, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall authorize a Monitoring Committee to receive and process applications of its Interior Designers for registration as IPID, and to operate and maintain the IPIDR.
- 2.3 Pursuant to the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services, the PRC authorized the Professional Regulatory Board (PRB) of Interior Design and its Accredited Professional Organization/ Accredited Integrated Professional Organization to serve the functions of the Monitoring Committee of the Philippines.
- 2.4 An IPID from Indonesia who wishes to provide professional interior design services in the Philippines shall register with the PRC, through the PRB of Interior Design, to be eligible as a Registered Foreign Interior Designer (RFID).

3. *Purpose and Operation of the Assessment Statement*

- 3.1 The Assessment Statement provides the framework for the assessment of Interior Designers for registration to the IPIDR by the IPID Philippine Monitoring

Committee.

- 3.2 Upon review and acceptance of this Assessment Statement by the Indonesia – Philippines Interior Designer Council (IPIDC), the IPID Philippine Monitoring Committee shall be authorized to operate and maintain the IPIDR.

4. *Privileges and Obligations of a Registered Foreign Interior Designer (RFID)*

- 4.1. A Registered Foreign Interior Designer (RFID) may be allowed to practice in the Philippines, not as an independent practitioner, but in collaboration with one or more Interior Designer/s of the Philippines upon compliance with the requirements set by Section 7 (j) of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981, or the “PRC Modernization Act of 2000”, R.A. No. 10350, or the “Philippine Interior Design Act of 2012”, and other domestic laws relevant to interior design services.
- 4.2. An RFID shall provide interior design services only in the areas of competence as may be recognized and approved by PRC. The RFID shall submit with their application a sworn undertaking to be bound by:
 - a) the local and international codes of professional conduct in accordance with the policy on ethics and conduct established and enforced by the country of origin;
 - b) prevailing laws and regulations of the Philippines as the host country; and
 - c) work in collaboration with local Interior Designer in the host Country, when appropriate, subject to domestic laws and regulations of the host country governing the practice of Interior Design.

PART B: PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND MONITORING COMMITTEE

5. *Professional Regulatory Authority (PRA)*

- 5.1 The PRC is the Professional Regulatory Authority (PRA) in the Republic of the Philippines.
- 5.2 The PRC is a statutory body established under the R.A. No. 8981 which is responsible for the administration, implementation and enforcement of regulatory policies on the regulation and licensing of various professions and occupations under its jurisdiction. It is the instrument of the Filipino people in securing for the nation a reliable, trustworthy, and progressive system of developing professionals whose personal integrity and spiritual values are solid and respected, whose competencies are globally competitive, and whose commitment to serve the Filipino nation and the whole community is strong and steadfast.
- 5.3 PRC has the statutory responsibility to register and/or license an Interior Designer within its jurisdiction subject to protection of health, safety and welfare of the community.
- 5.4 Section 6 of R.A. No. 10350, states that PRC shall have administrative control and supervision over the PRB of Interior Design.

6. *Interior Design*

- 6.1 In the Philippines, the Interior Design profession is regulated by the PRC, through the PRB of Interior Design.

7. *The Philippine National Monitoring Committee for Indonesia-Philippines Interior Designer*

- 7.1 The Philippine National Monitoring Committee for Indonesia-Philippines Interior Designer (Monitoring Committee) is composed of the Chairperson of the PRC, and the Chairperson and Members of the PRB of Interior Design and its Accredited Professional Organization/ Accredited Integrated Professional Organization. The Monitoring Committee shall be chaired by PRC as set out in the Attachment 1 of this Assessment Statement.
- 7.2 The Monitoring Committee is responsible for the development, operation and maintenance of the IPIDR.
- 7.3 In assessing compliance with the qualifications and practical experience for registration as an IPID, the Monitoring Committee shall adhere to the criteria and procedures in this Assessment Statement.
- 7.4 The Monitoring Committee shall ensure that all registered IPIDs comply with:
 - a) the requirements specified in the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services; and
 - b) the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) at a level prescribed in this Assessment Statement for the renewal of their registration.

8. *Authorization to Work as a Registered Foreign Interior Designer*

- 8.1 A Special Temporary Permit (STP) from PRC pursuant to Section 7 (j) of R.A. No. 8981 and R.A. No. 10350 shall be secured before any RFID can practice the Interior Design profession in the Philippines.
- 8.2 The PRC, through the PRB of Interior Design, shall monitor and assess the professional practice of the RFIDs to ensure compliance with the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services.
- 8.3 The PRC may issue rules and prescribe fees for RFIDs who intend to practice their profession in the Philippines which shall not contradict nor modify any of the provisions of the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services for the purpose of maintaining high standards of professional conduct and ethical practice in interior design. The PRC shall establish and periodically review the fees for registration and renewal of registration as it may be deemed necessary.
- 8.4 After a formal investigation, the PRC shall promptly provide written notification to its PRA Counterpart in Indonesia, or the Construction Services Development Board (CSDB) when a RFID has contravened the Indonesia – Philippines MRA on Interior Design Services or the Philippine laws and regulations.

PART C: ASSESSMENT MECHANISM

9. *Requirements for Registration as Indonesia-Philippines Interior Designer*

- 9.1 An Interior Designer who meets all of the foregoing qualifications and conditions shall be eligible for registration as an IPID:
 - a. Completed a higher education degree from a recognized program in an accredited/validated higher educational institution, or assessed and recognized as having the equivalent of such a degree. The higher education

degree should not be less than four (4) years, delivered on a fulltime basis in an accredited program by an accredited/validated university, while allowing flexibility for equivalency;

- b. Possesses a current and valid professional registration or licensing certificate to practice interior design in the Philippines issued by the PRC;
 - c. Has gained practical and diversified experience of not less than ten (10) years of continuous practice of Interior Design after registration, and at least two (2) years of which shall be in responsible charge of significant Interior Design works;
 - d. Has complied with the CPD policy of the Philippines at a satisfactory level;
 - e. Has obtained a confirmation letter from the PRC with no record of serious violation/s on technical, professional or ethical standards, local and international, for the practice of Interior Design;
 - f. Has complied with any other requirements agreed upon by both countries' interior Design Monitoring Committee.
- 9.2 A professional Interior Designer is eligible for registration as an IPID if he/she has at least 10 (ten) years of relevant practical work experience after registration as an Interior Designer. The assessment of practical work experience shall be carried out through:
- a. submission of a report describing the type, significance and level of responsibility of the professional Interior Designer work experience attained over a period of at least 10 (ten) years of continuous Interior Design Practice since registration (which shall be uploaded through IPID Online Registration (www.IPID.org)). The report shall demonstrate that the candidate has engaged in professional practice which, directly or indirectly, calls upon their Interior Design knowledge, skills, experience, and judgment and has a significant influence on the technical direction of Interior Design projects or programs; and
 - b. a professional interview to review the practical work experience claimed and assess the relevance and adequacy for registration, **if deemed necessary**.

9.2.1 Acceptable Interior Designer practical experience includes not only design, construction, but also Interior Designer experience such as technical, costing and administrative factors affecting Interior Design works.

9.3 An application for registration as an IPID shall be submitted in the format prescribed in Attachment 2 of this Assessment Statement to the PRC. The Application form may be modified as deemed necessary.

10. Indonesia-Philippines Interior Design Assessment

10.1 Assessment of compliance with the requirements set forth in previous number shall be undertaken by the PRC, through the Monitoring Committee, for recommendation to the PRC Chairperson.

11. Audit of Indonesia-Philippines Interior Designer

11.1 All IPIDs are bound by R.A. No. 8981, R.A. No. 10350 and other domestic laws relevant to interior design services.

11.2 Every IPID is required to comply with the prescribed units of CPD as set by the PRC and PRB of Interior Design. The template of Certificate of CPD Compliance is attached as Attachment 3 and may be modified as deemed necessary.

11.3 Every IPID shall comply with other responsibilities that may be prescribed by the PRC, upon recommendation of the PRB of Interior Design.

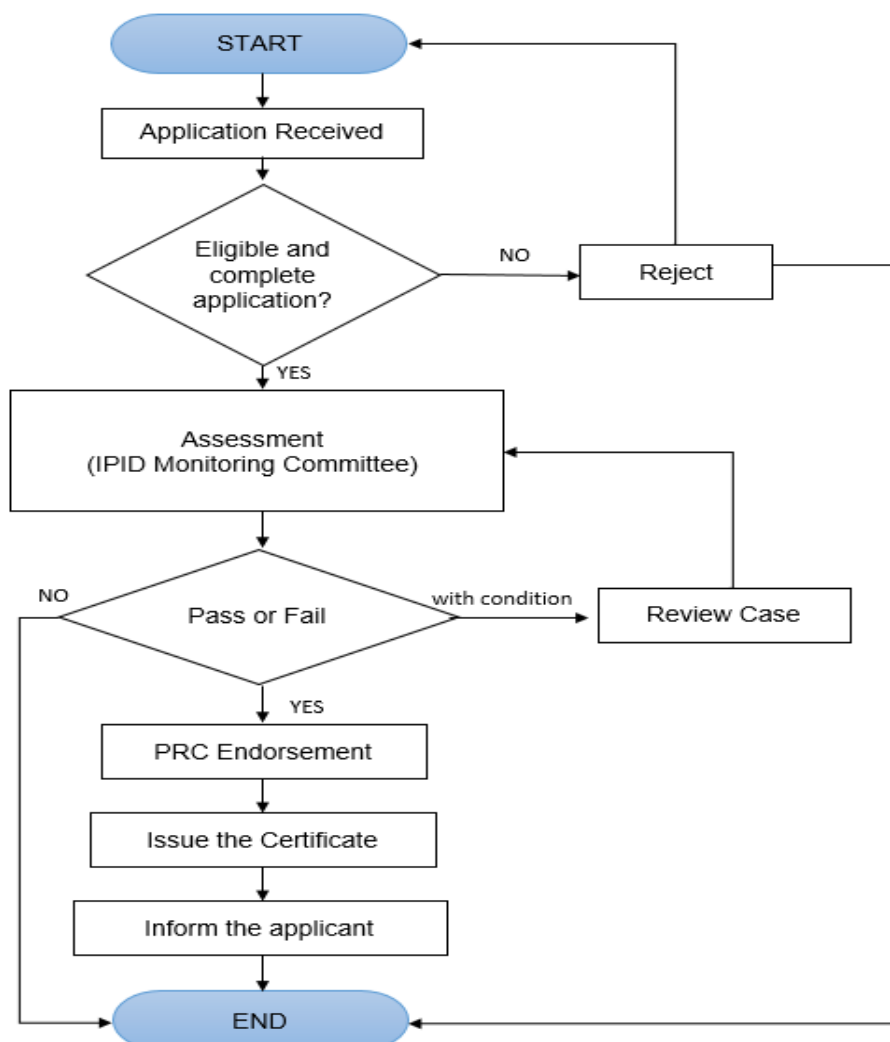
PART D: REGISTRATION PROCESS

12. IPID Registration Procedure

12.1 This section describes the procedure in the application for, and renewal of registration as IPIDs.

12.2 The procedure in the application for registration of an IPID is shown in Figure 1, as follows:

Figure 1. IPID Registration Procedure Flow Chart



- a. An Interior Designer who is qualified to apply for registration as IPID shall submit his /her application through the IPID Online Registration System (<https://online.prc.gov.ph/>) and pay the prescribed fee.
- b. Eligible and complete application for registration shall be submitted to the Regulation Division of PRC for assessment.
- c. The Regulation Division shall check the completeness and verify the authenticity of documentary requirements and forward the application to the International Affairs Office (IAO) for processing of application. Soft copies of the documentary requirements shall also be submitted through a flash

drive. Applications with incomplete documentary requirements shall be returned to the applicant for completion.

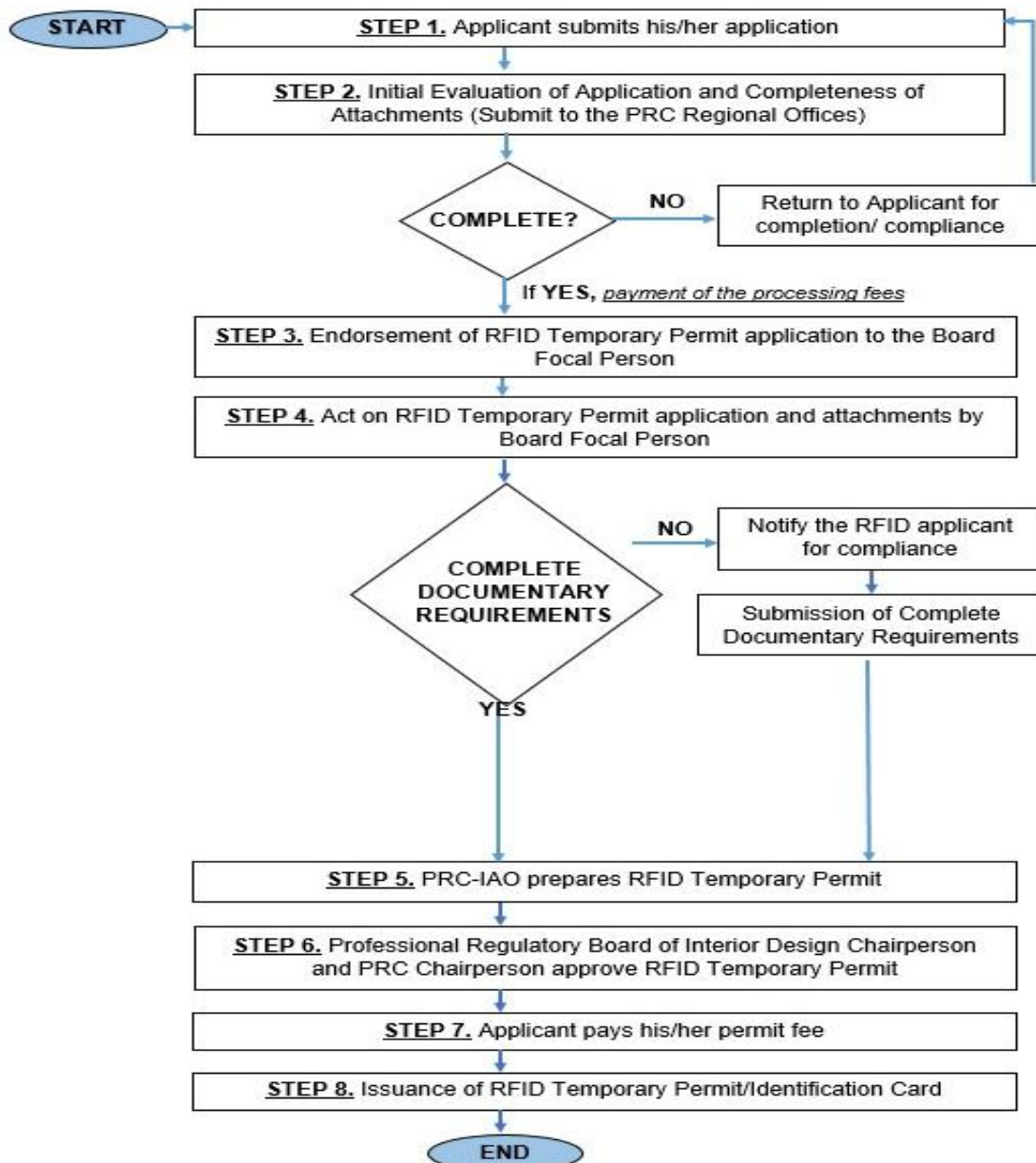
The IAO shall process all eligible and complete application for registration as an IPID and endorse the applications to the Monitoring Committee for assessment of the qualifications (Attachment 4) and professional experiences of applicant.

- d. Thereafter, the Monitoring Committee shall recommend the qualified applicants to be reviewed and endorsed by the IPIDC.
- e. Once the applications are approved by the IPIDC, and upon payment of the prescribed registration fees, the Monitoring Committee shall jointly issue the Certificate of IPID registration.
- f. An interview may be conducted if deemed necessary. An interview may be conducted for purposes of clarification on the documents submitted by the applicants.

13. RFID Registration Procedure

13.1 Applications for the issuance of RFID Temporary Permit shall follow the guidelines prescribed by the PRC. The flowchart for RFID registration procedure is illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 2. RFID Registration Procedure Flow Chart



- a. An IPID from Indonesia who is qualified to apply for registration as RFID shall submit his /her Application for Authority to Practice a Profession by Foreigner to the Regulation Division of PRC, and pay the prescribed fees. The Application for Authority to Practice a Profession by foreigner is attached as Attachment 5, and may be modified as deemed necessary, and letter of undertaking as Attachment 6.
- b. The Regulation Division shall check the completeness and verify the authenticity of physical documentary requirements and forward the application to the International Affairs Office (IAO) for processing of application upon payment of prescribed fee. Soft copies of the documentary requirements shall also be submitted through a flash drive. Applications with incomplete documentary requirements shall be returned to the applicant for completion.
- c. The IAO shall process all eligible and complete application for registration to the PRB of Interior Design for assessment.
- d. The PRB of Interior Design shall prepare and submit its recommendations to the PRC Chairperson. The PRB of Interior Design shall also check the applications to ensure that there is no discrepancy and inadequacy in the assessment procedures.
- e. Thereafter, the PRC shall approve and issue the RFID Temporary Permit to the successful applicant which may be renewed at the discretion of the PRB of Interior Design.
- f. The Regulation Division of PRC shall release the RFID Temporary Permit to RFID, upon payment of the prescribed permit fee.

The fees prescribed for issuance of a Special Temporary Permit shall apply to the RFID Temporary Permit.

PART E: MAINTAINING THE REGISTRATION AS IPID

14. *An IPID who intends to maintain his/her registration in IPIDR shall renew his/her PRC Professional Identification Card (PIC) and comply with the existing CPD policy.*

- 14.1 The process of renewal of PRC PIC of Filipino Interior Designers shall be followed accordingly. The renewal process includes the submission of renewal of PRC PIC Application to the Regional Office of PRC every three (3) years. The existing renewal fee for the PRC PIC of Filipino Interior Designers shall apply.
- 14.2 Regional Offices of PRC shall submit an annual report, or as needed, to the International Affairs Office for monitoring and reporting purposes.