

National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA)

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS®). With more than 40,000 members, the NKBA has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry for over 45 years. The mission of the NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence, promote professionalism and ethical business practices, and provide leadership and direction for the kitchen and bath industry.

What is a CKD and a CBD?

A Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) & Bath Designer (CBD) is a professional who is qualified by education and experience to research, design, plan and supervise the installation of residential kitchens & bathrooms.

The Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer deserves your full confidence as certification is based on documented proof of knowledge, ability and experience in the design of residential kitchens and baths. This requires seven years of training and experience, yearly renewal of professional license and continued education units.

A CKD & CBD has had to prove his or her knowledge, technical understanding and ability to communicate ideas through a stringent examination process conducted by the Society of Certified Kitchen and Bath Designers, which is the licensing and certification agency of the National Kitchen and Bath Association. He or she must meet these standards before being awarded the CKD & or CBD designation which assures the client that the individual is a competent kitchen and bath designer.

The expertise of a certified designer lies in researching the personal needs of the client and designing the most functional and aesthetically pleasing arrangement of space. The designer is trained to plan for production line efficiency, cost and mechanical installation unique to

each individual kitchen and bathroom. They are also experienced in supervising the physical development of the project according to set industry standards, which protect the long-term investments of the client.

Why hire a CKD, CBD?

It is important to hire a CKD, CBD from an NKBA member company. They will help you plan a more functional and beautiful kitchen or bathroom.

Choosing the right design professional is an important decision for your project's success. By selecting an NKBA Certified Designer, you will be working with a professional who:

- Has demonstrated comprehensive knowledge in kitchen and bath design, as well as construction, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems
- Adheres to a strict Code of Professional Conduct
- Is an expert in the NKBA Kitchen & Bath planning Guidelines & Access Standards, which recognizes the importance of consumer health, safety and welfare in kitchen and bath design
- Is a member of the NKBA, the kitchen and bath industry's leading professional organization that provides them with the training and tools needed to succeed
- Is skilled at assessing consumers' individual needs and wants and creating designs that meet and exceed these requirements
- Remains current on local building codes, safety and environmental regulations and the wealth of new products and equipment on the market