



Certified Kitchen & Bath Designer

NKBA's Certification Program

The National Kitchen & Bath Association remains one of the industry's leaders in delivering the most current educational resources and professional certification program for design professionals.

CKBD Candidate Categories

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Allied Professional	Post-Secondary Education	Post-Secondary Education
NCIDQ Certificate Holder or Registered Architect *(1) year to complete	(M.A., B.A., A.A. Degree or Diploma) in Interior Design/Architecture *(1) year to complete	Certificate in Interior Design/Architecture *(1) year to complete

CKBD Candidate Eligibility Criteria & Cost | USD

1—Allied Professional | \$750

- + Photo copy of NCIDQ Certificate or current Architect Registration

2—Post Secondary Education | \$750

- + Photo copy of Master's, Bachelor's, Associate Degree or Diploma
- + Official Educational Transcript
- + Work Experience Verification
- + Minimum of (2) years industry related
 - (1) of those years must be full-time K&B design focused

3—Post Secondary Education | \$1150

- + Photo copy of Certificate
- + Official Educational Transcript
- + Work Experience Verification
- + Minimum of (3) years industry related
 - (2) of those years must be full-time K&B design focused
- + Additional 30 NKBA Education Hours required & provided

****Applicants who earned a degree/diploma outside the US or Canada must submit a World Education Services form (wes.org) to verify education.****

****Depending on applicant type - work verification hours will be confirmed by Direct Supervisor, Sponsor, Attorney, Accountant or Vendor****



CKBD Two-Part Exam & Testing Deadlines

The four (4) hour Fundamental Exam consists of 200 true/false, multiple choice, and scenario based questions derived from the **NKBA's 4th Edition K&B Panning Guidelines**.

The Portfolio Evaluation consists of the designers own projects and will include one kitchen and one bath project. Drawings must be completed to NKBA Graphic Standards and meet all the criteria before submitting.

The Fundamental Exam to be completed during the Spring (March) and Fall (September) periods. The Portfolio Evaluation to be submitted in the Spring (May) or in the Fall (November). Neither to be completed in any special order, participants discretion.

CKBD Application Checklist

Candidates won't receive a purchase invoice until approved (free to apply)

- Applications are accepted year round
- Candidates **MUST** be an NKBA Member in good standing
- Review candidate criteria and select best qualifying type based on requirements
- Candidate must upload all required documents directly within the application
- Work verification form required to attest work history
- Accept NKBA's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct Agreement

Applications are reviewed within 10 business days (NKBA holidays not included) of submission. Applicants receive notification via email.

Purchase includes (all candidates receive)

- + Access to the Learning Management System Platform | contains coursework and exams
- + NKBA's 4th Edition Kitchen & Bath Planning Guidelines | **Spiral-bound** & Digital Copy
- + Access to NKBA's Knowledge Base (for duration of program)
- + CKBD Study Program
- + **FREE** design software valid during enrollment period (*courtesy* of Chief Architect)

Post-Secondary Education (Certificate Holders candidates receive:

- + NKBA Professional Program | Additional 30 NKBA education hours

The CKBD Certification Program is completed online, **no testing site required**.