



Designations Make a Difference When Choosing a Building Professional

Quality workmanship, knowledge and experience matter, especially when you will be investing a significant amount of money with a home builder or remodeler as you build a new home or update your current one to fit your lifestyle.

Choosing a building professional with a designation can help ensure you are hiring a builder or remodeler who is committed to their craft by learning—and continuing to stay up-to-date on—the latest technology, building methods and business practices. Through the National Association of Home Builders, members of the building industry can earn professional designations in more than 15 specialties, including:



- Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist
- Certified Graduate Builder and Graduate Master Builder
- Certified Graduate Remodeler and Graduate Master Remodeler
- Certified Green Professional and Master Certified Green Professional
- Housing Credit Certified Professional

NAHB's targeted curriculum and accomplished teachers help home builders and remodelers learn new laws, methods and materials in order to offer the best level of service to their clients.

In the home building profession, there are new building codes every three years, in addition to new energy, fire, plumbing, electrical and mechanical codes that are constantly being revised and upgraded. Designees learn the codes that apply to the specific states, counties, municipalities and cities they work in and take them into consideration when building or remodeling your home.

A building professional with a designation has taken the time to go in-depth into a specific building area of interest.

For example, only a Certified Aging-in-Place (CAPS) specialist will know how to build or remodel to overcome common age-related barriers. They will know to widen doors so that wheelchairs can fit through, install shower bars to improve safety and make other modifications to your home to accommodate disabilities or accessibility challenges.

And a Certified Green Professional (CGP) will help you get the best bang for your buck on an energy-efficient remodeling project. CGPs are committed to the idea of “greening” a home affordably and are trained in choosing products and practices for greater energy efficiency, indoor and outdoor water conservation, preserving indoor environmental quality, and identifying and choosing sustainable building products.



A professional remodeler or builder can help you cut through the confusion of the hundreds of new products that come on the market each year to make your home better and your life easier. They will know what the newest materials and techniques are, where to get them, and how to use them. Their insights and advice will not only bring you savings and satisfaction today, but will help your home’s value far down the road.

Buying a new home or making major renovations to your existing one can be a huge investment into a place your family will make memories and grow in for many years. It only makes sense to select a professional with superior training, real-world experience and in-depth knowledge of your area of need.

Search for building professionals with designations through [NAHB’s online directory](#).

To find a professional home builder or remodeler in your local area, [click here](#).