

HOW TO *choose a Registered Interior Designer?*

Registered Interior Designers are trained to listen to and understand your aspirations and help you to design effective solutions to achieve your goals. As a client, selecting a qualified Registered Interior Designer for your project is one of the most significant decisions you can make.

For any size or type of project you can contact the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia to take advantage of our complimentary referral service. IDIBC will provide you with the names of three Registered Interior Designers in your area who specialize in the type of work you require.

Take time to interview several interior designers and check their referrals before making a final decision.

HOW WILL *I be billed?*

Once you have reached a mutually acceptable agreement on design services, fees and reimbursable expenses can be determined.

Rates will vary depending on the complexity of the job, profile and experience of the designer and the size and location of the construction project. Methods of billing include: fixed fee, hourly or daily rates, or percentage of construction or goods purchased on behalf of the clients to complete the project.

As with any professional service, a clearly written contract is essential. The agreement should outline what both parties expect to receive from the arrangement, the work that is to be accomplished and the fees to be charged for the job.

IDIBC: *who are we?*

Founded in 1950, the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia (IDIBC) is the self-regulatory professional body for interior design practitioners in British Columbia.

The IDIBC seeks to advance the profession through public and legal recognition and by providing leadership and services to our members through continuing education programs, advocacy, professional development, communication, networking, charitable and social events.

Our external goals are to benefit public health, safety and welfare, contribute to the enhancement of the environment and increase the perception, appreciation and value of design in the community.

In 1987 the Government of British Columbia granted the title "Registered Interior Designer" (RID) to the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia. Only those members in the Professional category, qualified by education, experience and examination are entitled to use this designation. By identifying qualified members as Registered Interior Designers (RID), the public may make an informed choice for quality service.

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WHAT TYPES of spaces do Registered Interior Designer work with?

There are many types of spaces that Registered Interior Designers work within. The main areas of specialization are: residential spaces, retail establishments, commercial offices, health care facilities, marketing centres, public and institutional spaces, communications and interactive facilities, hotels and clubs, restaurants and bars, shopping centres, airports and recreation facilities.

WHY HIRE a Registered Interior Designer?

When renovating, relocating or establishing a new location for a home or business, working with a Registered Interior Designer is one of the best investments you can make.

A Registered Interior Designer provides you with the right balance of education, experience and examination to oversee the complex tasks of designing and managing the construction of interior environments.

Registered Interior Designers are highly trained professionals who are required to carry liability insurance and are bound by professional ethics and standards of practice. With the passing of the Titles Act in 1987, only those members of the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia (IDIBC) in the "Professional" category are entitled to use the designation "Registered Interior Designer" (RID).

To be registered with IDIBC today, an individual must meet demanding education requirements, gain years of practical experience and pass standardized examinations. These strict requirements will help to ensure the success of your project and protect your financial investment.

WHAT DO Registered Interior Designers do?

Most people admire the work of interior designers without realizing what the practice of interior design actually involves. Many assume the focus of this profession is always on aesthetics.

Interior design is as much a science as it is an art. The science of design demands research, development and analytical skills, a command of building technology and knowledge of ergonomics, environmental issues and local building codes. The art of design draws on the fundamentals of design and synthesizes the elements of space, form, shape, line, texture and ornament to create all styles of spaces from historically correct period interiors to sleek modern spaces.

For the purposes of improving the quality of life and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public, the Registered Interior Designer:

- Analyzes the client's needs, goals and life and safety requirements;
- Integrates findings with knowledge of interior design;

Formulates preliminary design concepts that are functional, aesthetically pleasing and financially appropriate;

Develops and presents final design recommendations through appropriate presentation media;

Provides management activities, including project budgeting and schedules;

Prepares working drawings and specifications for interior construction, materials, finishes, space planning, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment;

Collaborates with other practitioners who offer professional services in technical areas of mechanical, electrical, and structural design as required for regulatory approval (building permits);

Prepares and administers bids and contract documents as the owner's agent;

Reviews and evaluates construction during implementation to ensure that the project is built to meet design and quality standards described by the drawings and specifications.