

## **CERTIFIED DESIGNERS**

When deciding on a designer for your next kitchen, bathroom or interior project, we always recommend looking for a KBDi Certified Designer. A Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD AU) or Certified Bathroom Designer (CBD AU) has reached the highest level of qualification via a peer-reviewed certification process. Here, we talk to two Certified Designers about why they chose to take this additional step and what it means to their business.

## MICHELLE BURTON CKD AU

"As an experienced, formally-trained interior designer, I understood a range of design principles but I also knew there were specific technical aspects of designing for kitchens and bathrooms which I didn't fully understand. There seemed to be nothing available to further my professional development until I read about the Designer Training courses and KBDi Certification. Having undertaken specialist training and qualified for certification, I can promote myself as a specialist, which gives me an edge over less-qualified designers. It's also an opportunity to be recognised as a Certified Designer

should I travel and work overseas.

My certification gives my clients extra confidence in my abilities to deal with suppliers, trades and the industry in general. On a personal level, I am definitely more confident in recommending kitchen and bathroom design solutions that I know will work from a practical and functional aspect. I would certainly recommend anyone providing a design service to clients to undertake certification. The quicker we can shift from a sales-oriented business to a well-respected industry, which provides practical, stylish and cost-effective design solutions, the faster everyone will benefit".

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