



Top Five Reasons to Hire a Graduate Master Builder (GMB)

1. You will be working with a professional who values the importance of ongoing education and training and is willing to invest the time and money necessary to obtain the GMB.
2. You can expect an experienced builder committed to delivering a quality product and experience.
3. GMB designees must sign a professional Code of Ethics.
4. Your GMB will emphasize service from every member of their team and maintain a professional attitude in every interaction.
5. A GMB is required to fulfill 12 hours of continuing education every three years to maintain their designation.

The GMB designation is administered by the National Association of Home Builders.

Find a Graduate Master Builder
in your community at
nahb.org/designationdirectory



Build with Confidence

*Hire a Graduate
Master Builder*





Their Commitment, Your Confidence

Professional designations can help you identify builders who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence by voluntarily taking industry courses and ongoing continuing education classes to improve their management skills and to stay informed on emerging trends and techniques in building.

To become a **Graduate Master Builder**, a builder must:

- Have at least five years of experience in the industry.
- Successfully complete a pre-set curriculum of courses specific to the building industry.
- Be a “builder” according to the following criteria: primary executive/owner of a company, superintendent or lead carpenter, or construction executive personnel/employee* that has built a minimum of one dwelling in the past 24 months.
- Maintain liability insurance and workers’ compensation coverage for his or her company or be an employee of a company that holds both. (Where required by local jurisdiction)

- Have a valid business license (if state required).
- Sign and agree to adhere to a professional Code of Ethics.
- To maintain the designation, a Graduate Master Builder must renew his designation every year and complete 12 hours of building industry related education every three years.

**Employee in an executive or management position with discretionary authority over building and construction matters, excluding office management and administrative personnel such as office manager or accountant.*

Graduate Master Builders Are Thoroughly Licensed

Did you know there are NO federal requirements for training or licensing builders?

- Many states have licensing or registration requirements for residential contractors, remodelers and specialty contractors, but they vary from state to state.
- Some, but not all, cities and counties have licensing or registration requirements for residential contractors, remodelers and specialty contractors, but like states, they vary.
- Many simply require that the contractor be registered in the jurisdiction.

Hiring a **Graduate Master Builder** will give you the assurance that your builder is properly licensed and registered in full compliance with your state’s requirements.

Don’t Count on Codes

Building codes provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare through qualities like structural strength, sanitation, light and ventilation and fire safety. But building codes do NOT address items like:

- Drywall finishes
- Painting
- Millwork and trim
- Interior doors
- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Tilework
- Finish flooring material

Your GMB will work to provide you with service and safety that goes above and beyond basic requirements.

How to Find a Graduate Master Builder

- Check the NAHB Designation Directory for a GMB in good standing, nahb.org/designationdirectory
- Can’t find a local **Graduate Master Builder**? Contact your local home builders association to obtain a list of builders who construct homes in your area. You can find your local HBA at nahb.org/findanhba



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