

WHAT IS AN RCDD?

Registered Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD®) is a designation for individuals who demonstrate expertise in the design, integration and implementation of telecommunications (voice, data, video, audio and other low voltage control) transport systems and their related infrastructure components. An RCDD is responsible for the detailed design of new systems and/or the integration of a design into an existing system. RCDD is a designation globally recognised within the telecommunications industry.

10 REASONS TO HIRE AN RCDD

1 BICSI's RCDD program is the standard of the industry.

Based on BICSI's Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual, the RCDD designation was established by telecommunications professionals to document and standardise the base of knowledge an individual needs to be a telecommunications designer. This designation has become the standard measurement used to identify design experts.

2 RCDDs have demonstrated a wide range of knowledge.

Every RCDD professional has successfully completed and passed an extensive exam on the fundamentals of telecommunications distribution design.

3 RCDDs are tested from a generic perspective, giving them flexibility.

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4 RCDDs are often required.

The RCDD designation is recognised and mandated by many private and state organisations. Many projects today require that bids be submitted by an RCDD.

5 RCDDs exemplify professional conduct and integrity.

Professional conduct and integrity of work completed mark the RCDD expert. A relationship of trust and honour is established with you and your RCDD.

6 RCDDs must complete a structured program of continuing education.

RCDD registration renewal is required every three years. A continuing education agenda requires all active RCDDs to participate as a prerequisite to understanding and meeting all current renewal specifications.

7 RCDDs have access to a steady flow of professional, technical and industry information.

Active RCDDs have continuous access to the latest information in the telecommunications design industry. Changes, updates and revisions in telecommunications industry standards are known to render programs, projects and objectives obsolete. Armed with this knowledge, your RCDD can minimise these impacts.

8 BICSI provides a wide range of training courses.

Professional training for telecommunications professionals is the objective of BICSI's courses. Every accredited, active RCDD has direct access to more than 100 training courses and seminars, including: Distribution Design, Wireless Networks, Fibre Optic Design, Grounding and Protection, Project Management and more.

9 BICSI conferences enrich the knowledge and capabilities of the RCDD.

BICSI conferences are attended by people all over the world. Rapidly changing technology, new products and the effects of critical issues and challenges constitute the primary focus of BICSI conferences.

10 RCDDs have ready access to telecommunications resources.

Through membership in the BICSI, RCDDs have the capability of accessing nearly 20,000 telecommunications professionals in all facets of the industry.

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Should I apply for the RCDD Designation?

You may want to apply for the professional RCDD designation if you have a minimum of two years experience in the design of telecommunications infrastructure and are one of the following:

- Telecommunications designer, consultant, project manager, or systems integrator (from either the regulated or deregulated sectors of the telecommunications industry),
- Professional Engineer (PE) actively involved in designing and specifying telecommunications and/or data communications systems,
- Telecommunications or data specialist working within a corporation or design firm (such as architectural, engineering or communications) or,
- Someone who provides direct design support for a telecommunications/data communications company with a design/systems integration staff.

The RCDD designation is recognised globally within the telecommunications industry and can aid in your career development, enhance your professional status and expand your opportunities. For more information, contact BICSI.

What is BICSI?

BICSI was founded in 1974 to serve and support telephone company building industry consultants (BICs) responsible for the design and distribution of telecommunications wiring in commercial and multi-family buildings. BICSI is a not-for-profit association assisting telecommunications professionals with their careers by providing training, certification, conferences and publications in the design and installation of voice, data and video technologies.

BICSI is an international not-for-profit association with over 25,000 professionals in 110 countries around the world. The organisation's scope has also broadened beyond wiring buildings to include data networks and applications.

In terms of membership, BICSI has also expanded beyond cabling professionals to include consultants, architects and professionals involved in voice, data, video, audio and low-voltage control transport systems in commercial buildings.