

# Why Become a CSP?

## Certified Specification Practitioner

CSP is the latest designation offered by CSC. This designation is for specification writers who have taken the Principles of Construction Documentation (PCD), Specifier 1 and Specifier 2 courses and have the knowledge and experience to become more proficient in the specification writers role within the design and construction industry. Becoming a CSP will show commitment to producing accurate documentation, thereby enhancing your professional credibility through increased confidence of your peers, employers and clients.

The objectives of the CSP is to set standards and a high quality of practice for specification writers through prescribed qualifications, courses and a demonstrated level of competence and ethical practices.

The CSP provides the new or non-registered Specifier with a number of benefits, including:

- ◆ A better understanding of construction specifications;
- ◆ The ability to improve the quality of your specifications;
- ◆ Improved efficiency and proficiency in document preparation;
- ◆ Guidelines to improve standards for quality documentation;
- ◆ Recognition by peers, employers and the construction industry;
- ◆ Could be a stepping stone to becoming a Registered Specifications Writer (RSW)

**For more information on the CSP designation and its benefits to your organization, visit [www.csc-dcc.ca](http://www.csc-dcc.ca)**

## Why Hire a Certified Specification Practitioner ?

- ◆ A specification writer is a vital part of any design team. Hiring a specification writer who makes the commitment to take training to improve themselves in the specifications field shows commitment, desire and a willingness to learn.
- ◆ When you hire a CSP, you can feel confident they have taken the latest courses on construction specifications writing techniques from a recognized program with competent instructors.
- ◆ The CSP has quick access through their peers and mentors to a wide variety of non-standard specification sections that may be required from time to time.
- ◆ Through the pre-requisite courses taken by the CSP, candidates are given a broad understanding of contracts, document management, specifications preparation and coordination requirements to enable the CSP to be a valued asset to any firm or organization.
- ◆ The CSP administers and conducts work in a fair and consistent manner in accordance with the contract documents and industry practice;
  - The CSP issues instructions which are current, clear, and concise, thorough, fair and capable of enforcement on a basis of merit in a concise and complete manner. Will knowingly not misrepresent a service.
  - Upholds documents and specifications objectively and impartially.
  - Complies with Codes, Statutes, Regulations, and rules applicable to work undertaken;
  - Undertakes only work for which one is qualified;
  - Avoids conflict of interest;
  - Does not use manufactures' or suppliers' services that carry an obligation detrimental to the Code of Conduct; and
  - Maintains confidentiality of client's or employer's interests or business affairs and has loyalty to client or employers interests;

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