

The Association of Registered Graphic Designers of Ontario was created by an Act (Bill Pr56) of the Ontario Legislature in 1996 to grant qualified graphic designers the right to use the designation Registered Graphic Designer (R.G.D.).

RGD Ontario is the only graphic design association in North America to have this kind of legislation.

The Association certifies graphic designers who have met a rigorous set of standards that includes documented levels of relevant, professional education and experience, as well as demonstrated competence in the areas of business, design principles, research and theory and ethics through successful completion of a written test and portfolio interview.

R.G.D.s are prepared and capable to function as effective ethical, professional, responsible communications design practitioners, managers and/or educators.

The R.G.D. and Registered Graphic Designer designations are signals of quality and competence to the profession, the public and the government.

Our vision is for a graphic design profession that is broadly valued for its contribution to life, commerce and society.

The Association of Registered Graphic Designers of Ontario (RGD Ontario) represents more than 3,000 graphic designers, managers, educators and students across Ontario, Canada.



“I love Visual communication so much, I coined a new word to best describe what I love to do...occupassion!”[©]

- Paul Clark R.G.D.