

FREE GUIDE FROM TILEQUARTER

Bathroom Contractor Vetting Checklist

Every license, document, and question to clear before you sign with a bathroom contractor.



Plan your bathroom remodel with open eyes — then get matched, free, with licensed, insured remodelers near you. You compare quotes and choose who to hire.

Before you let anyone quote

- Confirm they are licensed for remodeling in your state or city.
- Confirm they carry liability insurance and workers' compensation, and are bonded.
- Verify both yourself — ask for numbers and check with the issuing office.
- Ask how they waterproof a shower, and whether they pull the permits.

Documents to collect

- 1 Copy of the contractor license (and check it is active).
- 2 Certificate of insurance, listing you if possible.
- 3 Recent references for similar bathrooms.
- 4 A written, itemized quote and scope that names the waterproofing system.
- 5 A clear payment schedule tied to milestones.



Questions worth asking

- How do you waterproof the shower walls and floor?
- Who pulls the permits, and is that in the price?
- What is the payment schedule, and what's the deposit?
- How are change orders handled and priced?
- What warranty covers the tile work, the fixtures, and the labor?

Red flags — slow down

- A large cash-only deposit before a signed contract.
- No license, no insurance, or refusal to show them.
- Vague answers about waterproofing, or tiling straight onto drywall.
- High-pressure 'sign today' discounts.



Before you pay the final amount

- 1 Confirm the work passed final inspection.
- 2 Run the shower and check for leaks before final payment.
- 3 Get lien waivers if subcontractors were used.
- 4 Keep all warranty paperwork together.





Important

TileQuarter is a free matching service, not a bathroom remodeler, general contractor, plumber, or licensed professional. Cost figures are typical ranges and estimates, not quotes or guarantees; your real price depends on the size of the bathroom, the scope of work, the tile and fixtures you choose, hidden moisture or framing damage, site conditions, and your area. Always hire licensed, insured, and bonded remodelers, verify the license and insurance yourself, insist on real waterproofing behind the tile, confirm price and scope in writing before any deposit, and follow your local permit and building code.