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**ASQ Edmonton Mission:**

ASQ Canada Edmonton Section adds value to ASQ membership and promotes quality in Northern Alberta through facilitating local access to information and education on quality principles, practices and experience, and by providing opportunities to share ideas and learning.



**Message from the Chair**

Atheer Jawad  
Chair Edmonton Section 014

It's a new year for our section, and while we're welcoming the 2017 member leader team, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to the previous team for their great efforts in 2016.

We are looking for a very exciting year in 2017 with a bunch of new initiatives in our section! First, I'm glad to announce that our section is going to host Alberta Annual Quality Conference this year, in the last two years this event was hosted by Calgary section who generously offered their support in making our hosting experience successful this year, more details and updates about this conference will come from the conference committee...

In addition to the annual conference, we are planning to actively participate in different regional events by supporting other sections financially and sending different section members to participate in those events.

As the chair of Edmonton Section for this year, I would like to call for volunteers from our section members. There is always a space to add member leaders among our current team, furthermore the annual conference committee is looking forward for your support.

Once again wishing you a prosperous and exciting 2017, and looking forward to meeting you at our first event on March 22nd 2017.

Kind Regards  
Atheer Jawad  
Chair, ASQ Edmonton Section 0410

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**Call for Papers – 9<sup>th</sup> Canadian Quality Congress**

**“Quality and Innovation in the 21st Century”** – Toronto, Ontario – September 7-8, 2017

Papers, posters, and presentations on best practices and case study applications in all aspects of total quality management and business excellence, with a special focus on healthcare quality and innovation. For more information visit: <http://canadianqualitycongress.com/call-for-papers>

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**ASQ Edmonton Quality Conference 2017**

**“Quality in Canada - 150 years”** – Edmonton, Alberta – October 13, 2017  
see page 2 for more information !!!

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**Upcoming Events**

1. March 22<sup>nd</sup> ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting
2. April 19<sup>th</sup> ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting
3. May 15<sup>th</sup> Full Day Workshop – “Transitioning to ISO 9001:2015”

## Quote of the month

*Change is Hard...  
Have you ever tried  
Bending a coin?*  
-- The QA Joke Book --

## USEFUL LINKS

[ASQEdmonton.org](http://ASQEdmonton.org)

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## ASQ INTEREST GROUPS



## ASQ Edmonton 2017 Calendar of Events

ASQ Edmonton has an exciting year lined up for its' members. Be sure to mark the following dates in your calendar.

- March ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting – *March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017*
- April ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting – *April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017*
- Full Day Workshop – “Transitioning to ISO 9001:2015” – *May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017*
- July ASQ Edmonton Summer BBQ – *July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*
- September ASQ Edmonton Dinner Meeting – *TBD*
- 2017 Quality Conference “**Quality in Canada - 150 years**” – *October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017*
- November ASQ Edmonton Social Event – *November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017*
- December ASQ Edmonton Annual General Meeting – *December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## 2017 ASQ Edmonton Quality Conference

ASQ Edmonton is proud to announce we will be hosting the 2017 ASQ Quality Conference in Edmonton on October 13, 2017.

The conference will have the theme “**Quality in Canada - 150 years**”.

There will be a full day of events such as the Quality Contest, speakers, workshops and the opportunity for social networking. We believe this conference will be an enjoyable event and a day to remember for everyone.

The ASQ Edmonton chapter sees this conference as a chance to develop and improve quality concepts through awareness, education, and participation in our business industries. The best and most experienced quality professionals will attend the conference and we hope to welcome you as well. To make this event a success we need the support and help from you, the Edmonton chapter members.

We want to encourage you to become involved in our efforts by helping in one or more of the following areas:

- Obtain / Coordinate speakers.
- Obtain / Coordinate with Sponsors and Vendors.
- Volunteer preparing and coordinating activities on the conference day.
- Help setting up and conducting the Quality Contest.

We thank you for supporting your regional chapter and the 2017 Quality Conference. Your participation, expertise and efforts will make this day a full success.

For more information about volunteering opportunities please contact:  
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# COMPUTER-BASED TESTING FOR ASQ CERTIFICATION EXAMS

## Computer-based testing provides added benefits to those writing ASQ Certification Exams

ASQ moved to computer-based testing in 2016. Candidates can now take ASQ certification exams at a Prometric testing facility where the test will be delivered via computer in a Prometric proctored, secure environment.

- An increase in annual exam administrations from two to six
- The availability of days in which to take the exams has increased from four per year to 102
- The convenience of retesting, reducing time from 6 months to 2 months
- An increased number of testing locations, from 350 to 8,000
- And faster test results, from 10 days to 0-4

Please use the below link to review further details for Computer Based Testing:  
<https://asq.org/cbt>

### Upcoming ASQ Certification and Training Resources

<http://asq.org/cert/dates>

Certification	Exam Date / Place	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Inspector (CQI)</a>	March 3-19, 2017 Prometric (Computer Based)	February 7, 2017 Application Deadline
<a href="#">Certified Quality Technician (CQT)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Reliability Engineer (CRE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Manager of Quality (CMQ/OE)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified HACCP Auditor (CHA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Biomedical Auditor (CBA)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Supplier Quality Professional (CSQP)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Yellow Belt (CSSYB)</a>		
<a href="#">Certified Six-Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB)</a>		
<a href="#">Master Black Belt</a>		
<a href="#">Pharmaceutical GMP Professional (CPGP)</a>	April 7-23, 2017 Prometric (Computer Based)	March 10, 2017 Application Deadline
<a href="#">Software Quality Engineer (CSQE)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Auditor (CQA)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Engineer (CQE)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA)</a>		
<a href="#">Calibration Technician (CCT)</a>		
<a href="#">Quality Process Analyst (CQPA)</a>		
<a href="#">Six-Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB)</a>		

#### ASQ Training Resources

To support quality professionals worldwide in preparing for their certification exams and day to day quality improvement activities, ASQ makes available various and methodologies at its on-line Knowledge Center at <http://asq.org/knowledge-center/index.html>. Also, ASQ provides on-site and web-based training on various quality topics and certifications at <http://asq.org/learninginstitute/index.html>. You can also order simulated ASQ Exams & Questions at (<http://cert.asq.org/certification/control/prepare>).