



## NEWS RELEASE

### QSA INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

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Following the recent QSA News Release regarding the merger of QSA International the Quality Society of Australasia (QSA), with the US-based Registrar Accreditation Board (RAB), progress in the transition from independent organisations to '**RABQSA International**', the world's leading accredited personnel certification body, is moving rapidly to conclusion.

The new organisation will come into effect 1 January 2005. Principal offices will be located in Milwaukee and Sydney, with Joint Venture offices located in Tokyo, Taipei, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur and Auckland. Expansion into Mexico and Canada is planned for 2005.

Forming part of the strategic transition plan, it is envisaged that as a result of the merge of QSA International and RAB, QSA's Professional Members will amalgamate with the membership base of the American Society of Quality (ASQ). The transition will enhance your membership benefits, integrating the combined benefits of QSA and ASQ membership, while keeping you abreast of future directions in Quality and related fields through this internationally renowned and expanding organisation.

The American Society for Quality ([www.asq.org](http://www.asq.org)), headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., is the world's leading authority on quality. With more than 100,000 individual and organizational members, the professional association advances learning, quality improvement, and knowledge exchange to improve business results, and to create better workplaces and communities worldwide. As champion of the quality movement, ASQ offers technologies, concepts, tools, and training to quality

professionals, quality practitioners, and everyday consumers, encouraging all to Make Good Great™.

Integrated ASQ Membership introduces you to others who share a common bond: a passion to make perfection possible. United by ASQ Membership they invent change - constantly evolving - becoming smarter, faster, better.

Following discussions with QSA, ASQ is developing a strategic initiative aimed at establishing an International Membership Unit based in Australia, serving the Asia Pacific region.

QSA will progressively update you on the transition plan, with specific focus on professional membership.

Within two weeks you shall receive correspondence from QSA and ASQ. This communication will provide detailed information on the integrated membership inclusions and benefits, recognition of your current service to QSA, and the transition process.

The inclusion of QSA's professional members into ASQ is an important and strategic step in the globalization of Quality and those persons who practice it!

***For further information regarding the RABQSA's transition plan, please contact Ms. Toni Smith on [tsmith@gsanet.com](mailto:tsmith@gsanet.com) or +61 2 88336408.***

*RABQSA International, a non-profit (not-for-profit) organisation, is one of the world's leading certification organisations for the provision of accredited personnel and training certification, and professional development services. A wide variety of businesses employ our certified persons for the purposes of improving business performance.*