**8-2: Why is quality assurance becoming more important?  Research the types of jobs that are available related to quality assurance.  What qualifications are required for these jobs?**

Quality assurance is becoming more important because providing a high-quality product is important as a business.  With competition in the marketplace, a company cannot afford to have a bad image for providing sub-par products or projects.  It's also important for start-up companies to have successful projects because there is no previous track record for the company to fall back on.  As products become more tech-oriented, providing quality assurance becomes more of an issue for companies releasing new products or undergoing new projects.

Jobs that are looking for quality assurance positions tend to include previous QA experience, effective communication and organizational skills, strong problem solving, and high proficiency with computer systems.  Particular tech-related QA positions look for a background in programming, database management, and project manager experience.