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1. The Official CQ WAZ Zone Map and the printed zone list which follows these rules are used to determine the zone in which a station is located.
2. Confirmations must be accompanied by a list of claimed zones, using CQ form 1479 or a facsimile, showing the callsign of the station contacted within each zone, with the date, time, band, and mode of each contact. The list must also clearly show the applicant's name, callsign, and complete mailing address. The applicant must show the type of award for which he or she is applying, such as Mixed Mode, All SSB, or All CW (see #7 below). A hand-written list may be submitted and will be accepted for processing, provided that the above information is shown.
3. All contacts must be made with licensed, land-based, amateur service stations operating in authorized (on the date of contact) amateur bands. Contacts with non-land-based stations, such as ships at sea, aeronautical mobile, or polar ice stations are not acceptable. Awards obtained by any mobile station will be endorsed as such, as will awards obtained by QRP stations, providing that the QSL cards submitted specify these modifiers.
4. All contacts submitted by the applicant must be made from within the same DXCC country. It is recommended that each submitted QSL clearly show the contacted station's zone number, if possible. When the applicant submits cards made out to different callsigns, evidence should be provided to show that he or she also holds or has held those callsigns at the time of the contact.
5. Any altered or forged confirmations submitted by an applicant for WAZ credit may result in permanent disqualification. The WAZ Manager may request the resubmission of certain confirmations as required. While a QSL card is normally accepted as proof of a contact, the final proof is an entry in the DX station's logbook for the listed QSO. Failure to resubmit QSLs in a timely manner when requested by the WAZ Manager may result in the recall of the award in question. Submission of an application for any WAZ award acknowledges consent to abide by the decisions of the CQ WAZ Manager and the CQ Awards Committee.
6. An application must be accompanied by the processing fee (subscribers must include a recent CQ mailing label or copy with the application fee of \$4.00; non-subscribers \$10.00) and a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or International Reply Coupons (IRCs) to return the QSL cards by the class of mail desired and indicated. International Reply Coupons equal in redemption value to the processing fee are acceptable. The 1993 redemption value of IRCs is \$.50 each. Checks should be made out to the name of the WAZ Award Manager.
7. In addition to the basic certificate for which any and all HF bands may be used, specially endorsed and numbered certificates are available for Phone (including AM), Single Sideband, and CW operation. The Phone certificate requires that all contacts be Two-Way Phone, the SSB certificate requires that all contact be Two-Way SSB, and the

CW certificate requires that all contacts be Two-Way CW.(Note 1)

8. If at the time of the original application a note is made stating the possibility of a subsequent application for an endorsement or special certificate, only the missing confirmations required for that endorsement need be submitted with the later application, providing a copy of the original authorization signed by the WAZ Manager is enclosed.

9. Decisions of the CQ DX Advisory Committee on any matter pertaining to the administration of this award are final.

10. All applications should be sent to the WAZ Award Manager after the QSL cards have been checked by an authorized CQ check point. If the application is for 160 meters or the 5 Band WAZ, all QSL cards must be checked by the WAZ Award Manager. Photocopies are not acceptable.

11. Zone maps, printed rules, and application forms are available from the WAZ Award Manager. Send a large self-addressed envelope with 2 units of postage, or \$1.00 and an address label. For DX stations, send an address label and 2 IRCs.

CQ Zones of the World

The following list of zones is presented as a guide. Any questions will be decided by the CQ Zone Map. For rulings on borderline areas, consult the WAZ Award Manager. (Note 2)

Zone 1. Northwestern Zone of North America: KL7, VY1/VE8 Yukon, the Northwest Territories west of 102 degrees. (Includes the islands of Victoria, Banks, Melville, and Prince Patrick.)

Zone 2. Northeastern Zone of North America: VO2 Labrador, the portion of VE2 Quebec north of the 50th parallel, the VE8 Northwest Territories east of 102 degrees. (Includes the islands of King Christian, King William, Prince of Wales, Somerset, Bathurst, Devon, Ellesmere, Baffin, and the Melville and Boothia Peninsulas, excluding Akimiski Island.)

Zone 3. Western Zone of North America: VE7, W6, and the W7 states of Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

Zone 4. Central Zone of North America: VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE8 Akimiski Island, and W7 states of Montana and Wyoming. W0, W9, W8 (except West Virginia), W5, and the W4 states of Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Zone 5. Eastern Zone of North America: 4U1UN, CY9, CY0, FP, VE1/VE9, VO1, VY2, the portion of VE2 Quebec south of the 50th parallel, VP9, W1, W2, W3, and the W4 states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and the W8 state of West Virginia.

Zone 6. Southern Zone of North America: XE/XF, XF4 (Revilla Gigedo).

Zone 7. Central American Zone: FO (Clipperton), HK0 (San Andres), HP, HR, TG, TI, TI9, V3, YN, and YS.

Zone 8. West Indies Zone: C6, CO, FG, FJ, FM, FS, HH, HI, J3, J6, J7, J8, KG4 (Guantanamo), KP1, KP2, KP4, KP5, PJ (Saba, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius), V2, V4, VP2, VP5, YV0 (Aves Is.), ZF, 6Y, and 8P.

Zone 9. Northern Zone of South America: FY, HK, HK0 (Malpelo), P4, PJ (Bonaire, Curacao), PZ, YV, 8R, and 9Y.

Zone 10. Western Zone of South America: CP, HC, HC8, and OA.

Zone 11. Central Zone of South America: PY, PY0, and ZP.

Zone 12. Southwest Zone of South America: 3Y (Peter I), CE, CE0 (Easter Is., Juan Fernandez Is., San Felix Is.), and some Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 13. Southeast Zone of South America: CX, LU, VP8 Islands, and some Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 14. Western Zone of Europe: C3, CT, CU, DL, EA, EA6, EI, F, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HB, HB0, LA, LX, ON, OY, OZ, PA, SM, ZB, 3A, and 4U1ITU.

Zone 15. Central European Zone: ES, HA, HV, I, IS0, LY, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, S5, SP, T7, T9, TK, UA2, YL, YU, ZA, 1A0, Z3, 9A, 9H.

Zone 16. Eastern Zone of Europe: UR-UZ, EU-EW, ER, UA1, UA3, UA4, UA6, UA9 (S,W), and R1M (M.V. Island).

Zone 17. Western Zone of Siberia: EZ, EY, EX, UA9 (A, C, F, G, J, K, L, M, Q, X), UK and UN-UQ.

Zone 18. Central Siberian Zone: UA8 (T,V), UA9 (H, O, U, Y, Z), and UA0 (A, B, H, S, U, W).

Zone 19. Eastern Siberian Zone: UA0 (C, D, F, I, J, K, L, Q, X, Z).

Zone 20. Balkan Zone: JY, LZ, OD, SV, TA, YK, YO, ZC4, 4X, and 5B.

Zone 21. Southwestern Zone of Asia: 4J, 4L, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, EK, EP, HZ, YA, YI, 7O, and 9K.

Zone 22. Southern Zone of Asia: A5, S2, VU, VU (Laccadive Is.), 4S, 8Q, and 9N.

Zone 23. Central Zone of Asia: JT, UA0Y, BY3G-L, BY9A-L, BY9T-Z, and BY0.

Zone 24. Eastern Zone of Asia: BV, BY1, BY2, BY3A-F, BY3M-S, BY3T-Z, BY4, BY5, BY6, BY7, BY8, BY9M-S, VS6, and XX.

Zone 25. Japanese Zone: HL and JA.

Zone 26. Southeastern Zone of Asia: HS, VU (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), XV, XU, XW, XZ, and 1S (Spratly Islands).

Zone 27. Philippine Zone: DU (Philippines), JD1 (Minami Torishima), JD1 (Ogasawara), KC6 (Republic of Belau), KH2 (Guam), KH0 (Marianas Is.), V6 (Fed. States of Micronesia).

Zone 28. Indonesian Zone: H4, P2, V8, YB, 9M, and 9V.

Zone 29. Western Zone of Australia: VK6, VK8, VK9X (Christmas Is.), VK9Y (Cocos-Keeling Is.), and some

Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 30. Eastern Zone of Australia: VK1, VK5, VK7, VK9L (Lord Howe Is.), VK9 (Willis Is.), VK9 (Mellish Reef), VK0 (Macquarie Is.), and some Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 31. Central Pacific Zone: C2, FO (Marquises), KH1, KH3, KH4, KH5, KH6, KH7, KH9, T2, T3, V7, and ZK3.

Zone 32. New Zealand Zone: A3, FK, FO (except Marquises and Clipperton), FW, KH8, VK9 (Norfolk Is.), VR6, YJ, ZK1, ZK2, ZL, 3D2, 5W, and some Antarctic stations. (Note 3)

Zone 33. Northwestern Zone of Africa: CN, CT3, EA8, EA9, IG9, IH9 (Pantelleria Is.), S0, 3V, and 7X.

Zone 34. Northeastern Zone of Africa: ST, ST0, SU, and 5A.

Zone 35. Central Zone of Africa: C5, D4, EL, J5, TU, TY, TZ, XT, 3X, 5N, 5T, 5U, 5V, 6W, 9G, and 9L.

Zone 36. Equatorial Zone of Africa: D2, TJ, TL, TN, S9, TR, TT, ZD7, ZD8, 3C, 9J, 9Q, 9U, and 9X.

Zone 37. Eastern Zone of Africa: C9, ET, E3, J2, T5, 5H, 5X, 5Z, and 7Q.

Zone 38. South African Zone: A2, V5, ZD9, Z2, ZS1-ZS9, 3DA, 3Y (Bouvet Is.), 7P, and some Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 39. Madagascar Zone: D6, FT-W, FT-X, FT-Z, FH, FR, S7, VK0 (Heard Is.), VQ9, 3B6/7, 3B8, 3B9, 5R8, and some Antarctic stations.(Note 3)

Zone 40. North Atlantic Zone: JW, JX, OX, TF, and 4K2 (Franz Josef Land).

Single Band WAZ

Awards will be issued to amateur radio stations presenting proof of contact with the 40 zones of the world on one of the bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10. Contacts for a single band WAZ must have been made after January 1, 1973. Single band certificates will be awarded for ALL SSB or for ALL CW only.

5 Band WAZ

Applicants who succeed in presenting proof of contact with the 40 zones of the world on the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands (for a total of 200) receive a special certificate in recognition of this achievement. A prerequisite for 5 Band WAZ is that the applicant must already be a holder of any 40-zone WAZ.

The 5 Band WAZ Award is offered for any combination of CW, SSB, RTTY, or other mode contact, MIXED MODE only. Separate awards will not be offered for the different modes. Contacts must have been made after 0000Z January 1, 1979. Proof of contact shall consist only of QSL cards checked by the WAZ Manager, and all provisions of Rule 5 of the WAZ rules are strictly enforced. The first plateau is a total of 150 zones on a combination of 5 bands. Applicants should use a separate sheet for each band, using CQ form 1479 or a facsimile. See rule 6 for fee and postage information.

After the 150 zone point, each 10 zones requires the submission of the QSL cards and a \$1.00 fee. At the 200 zone point the applicant will be awarded a gold sticker for the certificate and the opportunity to purchase a hand-engraved plaque to commemorate the achievement.

All applications should be sent to the WAZ Award Manager. The 5 Band Award is governed by the same rules as the regular WAZ Award and uses the same boundaries.

WARC Bands WAZ

Effective January 1, 1991 single band WAZ Awards will be issued to amateur radio stations presenting proof of contact with the 40 zones of the world on any one of the WARC bands: 30, 17, or 12 meters. (Each band constitutes a separate award, and each may be applied for separately.) This award is available for MIXED MODE, ALL SSB, ALL CW, or ALL RTTY. Contacts for each one of these WARC WAZ Awards must have been made after each station involved in the contact had permission from its licensing authority to operate on the band and mode.

RTTY WAZ

Special WAZ Awards are issued to amateur radio stations presenting proof of contact with the 40 zones of the world using RTTY. For the mixed band award QSL cards must show a date of November 15, 1945 or later. The RTTY WAZ is also available with a single band endorsement. For a single band endorsement for 80, 40, 20, 15, or 10 meters the QSL cards must show a date of January 1, 1973 or later.

WNZ

WNZ stands for **Worked Novice Zones** and is available only to holders of a U.S. Novice or Technician class license. Proof of contact with at least 25 of the 40 CQ zones as defined by the WAZ rules is required. All contacts must be made using the 80, 40, 15, and 10 meter Novice bands. All contacts must be made while holding a Novice or Technician class license, although the application may be submitted at a later date. Contacts must be made prior to receiving authorization to operate with higher class privileges. The WNZ is available as a MIXED MODE, CW ONLY, or SSB ONLY award. It may also be endorsed for a single band. The WNZ Award may be used to fulfill part of the application requirement for the WAZ Award when all 40 zones are confirmed.

1. The basic award may be secured by submitting QSL cards for 25 zones. The processing fee is \$5.00 for all applicants.
2. All QSL cards must show a date of January 1, 1952 or later.
3. Use CQ Form 1479 or a facsimile to make application for this award.

160 Meter WAZ

The WAZ Award for 160 Meters requires that the applicant submit directly to the WAZ Manager QSL cards from at least 30 zones. All QSL cards must be dated January 1, 1975 or later, and a \$5.00 application fee must accompany all applications. The 160 WAZ is a mixed mode award only. The basic 160 WAZ Award may be secured by submitting QSL cards from 30 zones. Stickers for 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 zones may be secured from the WAZ Manager upon the submission of the QSL cards and \$2.00 for each sticker.

Satellite WAZ

The Satellite WAZ Award is issued to amateur radio stations submitting proof of contact with all 40 CQ zones through any amateur radio satellite. The award is available for MIXED MODE only. All QSL cards must show a date of January 1, 1989 or later.

Footnotes

1. Previously all Mixed WAZ Awards were numbered consecutively, with ALL CW noted. This practice will continue for mixed mode applications. As of January 1, 1991, the ALL CW WAZ Award is issued. To qualify, the QSL card from each zone must indicate a contact on two-way CW and must be dated after January 1, 1991.
2. Zone definitions are as of April 1995.
3. Antarctic notes. The boundaries of CQ zones 12, 13, 29, 30, 32, 38, and 39 converge at the South Pole. Stations KC4AAA and KC4USN are at the South Pole, and will count for any one of the listed zones. Most Antarctic stations indicate their zone on the QSL card. A few stations and their zones are: 4K1A 39, 4K1B 29, 4K1C 29, 4K1D 38, 4K1E 29, 4K1F 13, 4K1G 30, 4K1H 32, 4K1J 13, 8J1RL 39, CE9 13, DP0 38, FT-Y 30, HF0POL 13, HL5BDS 13, KC4AAC 13, KC4AAD 13, KC4AAE 29, KC4USB 32, KC4USV 30, LU-Z 13, VK0GM 29, VP8ME 38, Y38ANT 38, and ZL5AA 30. This list changes frequently. Questions regarding the zone location of a particular Antarctic station should be directed to the WAZ Award Manager.

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