

# Worked All Zones Award Rules

## Section 1. Introduction

The CQ Worked All Zones Award (WAZ) and its variations are issued to any licensed Radio Amateur Station presenting proof of contact with all 40 CQ Zones.

This proof consists of proper QSL cards; which in many cases may be checked by any of the authorized check points or sent directly to the WAZ Award Manager. (List of Authorized Check Points is included elsewhere in these rules)

The WAZ Program is one of the longest running in Ham Radio, having its start prior to WWII.

The WAZ program, while it involves the use of DX Entities, does not rely on any particular Entity's status as a country. The WAZ award is geographically focused, which is where its challenge lies.

WAZ Award correspondence can be directed to the WAZ Award Manager:

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**WIGGINS MS 39577**

USA

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Or, can be mailed directly to CQ Magazine at:

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25 Newbridge Road  
Hicksville, NY  
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USA

Application Form, Rules and Zone Map are available in .PDF format from the CQ Magazine WAZ Rules web page: [www.cq-amateur-radio.com/wazrules.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/wazrules.html)

This information is also available from either the WAZ Award Manager or CQ Magazine in hardcopy. Mail your request for WAZ information to either of the addresses shown above. Please include a business size SAE with two units of postage (for US stations) or \$2.00 with your request. Foreign stations may supply a return mailing label and 3 IRC's. Please indicate on the back of your envelope "WAZ Info Request" so we can spot your letter easier and reply quickly.

## Section 2. General Rules

All QSO's must be made by a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, from a licensed Amateur Radio station, using only modes of emission and transmitter output power as permitted by the local licensing authority. QSO's with stations other than Radio Amateur (such as MARS, Commercial or Military) are ineligible for the WAZ award.

All QSO's must be conducted within the radio spectrum as authorized for that licensee by the local licensing authority

Any WAZ applicant found to be operating outside the bounds of their license may be disqualified from the WAZ program.

All contacts must be made from within the same DXCC Entity.

QSO's made by the same applicant using previous call signs from that same DXCC entity are acceptable. Proof of holding those previous call signs is requested.

The Official CQ WAZ Zone Map and the printed zone list are used to determine the zone in which a station is located.

If a problem is found with your application or QSL cards, we will attempt to contact you via e-mail to inform you of the issue and attempt to resolve it with you. We REALLY don't want to return your application if we don't have to.

The submission of any WAZ award application acknowledges consent to abide by the decisions of the CQ WAZ Manager and the CQ Awards Committee.

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

### **Section 3. QSO s and QSL s**

All QSO s must be two-way with both stations using the same mode of emission.

QSL Cards must include:

1. Callsigns of both stations
2. Date of QSO
3. Time of QSO (UTC preferred)
4. Band or Frequency of QSO
5. Mode of QSO
6. The QTH of the station worked (country, state, city). Indication of the CQ zone is optional

QSL Cards not including the information above may be returned to the applicant for replacement, and not credited towards the WAZ award.

Ineligible QSOs:

Cross-Band

Cross-Mode

Aeronautical Mobile

Maritime Mobile

Stations located on floating ice

Ships anchored in port

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. 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.

The failure to resubmit QSLs in a timely manner when requested by the WAZ Manager may result in the recall of the award in question.

## Section 4. WAZ Award Types

### WAZ By Mode

Mode	Bands	QSL s on or After	Field Checking	Notes
Mixed (any combination)	Any	14 November, 1945	Yes	See Note 1
AM	Any	14 November, 1945	Yes	
SSB	Any	14 November, 1945	Yes	
CW	Any	14 November, 1945	Yes	Revised QSL date
RTTY	Any	14 November, 1945	Yes	
SSTV	Any	1 January, 1973	Yes	
Digital	Any	1 January, 2000	No	New WAZ award! See Note 2

### WAZ By Band

Band	Mode	QSL s on or After	Field Checking	Notes
160 Meters	Mixed Only	1 January, 1975	No	See Note 3
80, 40, 20, 15, 10	Any Single Mode	1 January 1973	Yes	No Mixed Mode
30	Any Single Mode	1 January, 1991	Yes	No Mixed Mode
17	Any Single Mode	1 January, 1991	Yes	No Mixed Mode
12	Any Single Mode	1 January, 1991	Yes	No Mixed Mode
Satellite	Mixed Only	1 January, 1989	No	See Note 4
6 Meters	Mixed Only	1 January, 1973	No	See Note 4
EME	Mixed Only	1 January, 1973	No	See Note 4

Note 1: The process of endorsing a CW/Phone WAZ award has been discontinued. The old CW/Phone WAZ Award is now renamed MIXED Mode WAZ. The existing CW/Phone WAZ award numbering sequence will be continued in support of this change.

Note 2: This is a new WAZ award designed to encourage activity and experimentation using any of the digital modes available to amateurs. This list includes, but is not limited to PSK-31, AMTOR, PACTOR, Spread Spectrum. QSL cards must indicate the specific mode used for the QSO. RTTY does not count for this award as it has its own award. This award will not be endorsed for any specific digital mode. You may elect to use a single digital mode or different digital modes in working toward this new WAZ award.

Note 3: The 160 Meters WAZ Award requires that the applicant submit QSL cards from at least 30 zones. Endorsement stickers are issued at the 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 zone levels. **Applications and Cards for this award must be submitted to the WAZ Award Manager**

Note 4: The Satellite and 6 Meter WAZ Award requires that the applicant submit QSL cards from at least 25 zones. Endorsement stickers are issued at the 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 zone levels. The Satellite and EME Awards are not band specific, you may apply QSO s from multiple bands. **Applications and Cards for this award must be submitted to the WAZ Award Manager**

### Special Endorsements

WAZ awards (except 5BWAZ and 160 Meter WAZ) may be endorsed for unique situations, such as all QRP or all mobile; provided the QSL cards clearly indicate the situation.

## 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.

NOTE: A prerequisite for 5 Band WAZ is that the applicant must already be a holder of any 40-zone WAZ. THE NUMBER, DATE, AWARD TYPE MUST BE INDICATED ON THE 5BWAZ APPLICATION

The first plateau is a total of 150 zones across any combination of the 5 bands listed above. A certificate will be issued with a unique award number, indicating the initial number of zones confirmed.

After reaching the 150 zone plateau, each 10 zones requires the submission of QSL cards and the application fee.

Upon reaching 200 zones confirmed, the applicant will be issued a 200 zones endorsement sticker to affix to their 5BWAZ certificate that was previously issued. No other endorsement stickers are issued.

Upon reaching the 200 zones level, the applicant may wish to purchase an engraved plaque to acknowledge the achievement.

**MODES: Mixed Mode ONLY.** The 5 Band WAZ Award is not available for any single mode.

**QSLs accepted:** Contacts must have been made after 0000Z January 1, 1979.

### **RULES CHANGE:**

CHECKING OF 5BWAZ AWARDS BY CQ AWARDS CHECK POINTS IS AVAILABLE STARTING 1 JANUARY, 2003 FOR INITIAL APPLICATIONS OF 170 CARDS OR LESS.

Applicants wishing to submit more than 170 cards may do as follows:

Submit 170 cards to a checkpoint. Once these cards are approved and the application is signed by the Checkpoint, another application can be prepared for the additional cards (as an endorsement). The original application (signed by the checkpoint) must be submitted along with the endorsement application and cards to the WAZ Award Manager.

ALL QSLs TO ENDORSE A 5BWAZ AWARD MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE WAZ AWARDS MANAGER

**Application forms:** CQ form 1479 or a facsimile shall be used. A separate application form is required for each band.

**NOTE:** For Multi-band QSL s please include a summary sheet indicating the callsign and bands for each particular card. This will aid in checking of QSL cards.

## Section 5. Applying for the WAZ Award

### Application Form

CQ Form 1479 or a facsimile shall be used for all submissions. This form shall include the following:

1. Callsigns used by the applicant, as shown on the QSL cards
2. Name of Applicant
3. Complete Mailing Address of Applicant
4. Date of Application
5. Type of WAZ Award being applied for (mixed, SSB, Single Band)
6. Zone of Contacted Station
7. Callsign of Contacted Station
8. Date of QSO
9. Time of QSO
10. Band or Frequency of QSO
11. Mode of QSO

### **Submitting the Application Form**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM USING BLOCK LETTERS OR TYPE THE APPLICATION. THE INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE.

Include your e-mail address (if you have one)

Submit only ONE award per application. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee or it will not be processed. See the Processing Fee Schedule.

If you are a CQ Subscriber, include the mailing label (or photocopy) of your most recent issue of CQ Magazine with your application.

### **OSL Credits for use in other WAZ Award Applications**

Single Band WAZ awards may be applied for credit on a 5BWAZ application.

**Due to the high level of interest in the WAZ program we are no longer able to offer Credits of confirmations on future WAZ applications.**

### **Plaques and Certificates**

WAZ Certificates and Plaques are mailed 60-90 days after processing of your application.

Plaques and Certificates are processed from CQ's office in New York, not by the WAZ Award Manager or Check Points.

See the Processing Fee Schedule for expedited shipment costs.

## Section 6. Postage Suggestions

### Return Postage

Be sure to include sufficient return postage with your application. Suggestions for mailing **from** the USA are provided below:

Continent	First Class 40 Cards	First Class + Registered 40 Cards	Express Mail 40 Cards
North America	\$1.50	\$9.00	\$12.25
Europe	\$4.00	\$11.50	\$19.00
Asia	\$4.40	\$11.90	\$19.00
South America	\$4.00	\$11.50	\$22.25
Africa	\$4.00	\$11.50	\$28.50

Continent	First Class 200 Cards	First Class + Registered 200 Cards	Express Mail 200 Cards
North America	\$ 4.00	\$11.50	\$16.00
Europe	\$13.00	\$20.50	\$27.50
Asia	\$15.00	\$22.50	\$27.50
South America	\$14.00	\$21.50	\$28.00
Africa	\$14.00	\$21.50	\$35.50

If insufficient (or no funds) are provided, QSL cards will be returned by the appropriate route. This may mean that QSL cards will be returned via 3<sup>rd</sup> class mail or sea mail.

It is up to the applicant to indicate the method of returning their QSL cards.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to pack their QSL cards in such a way that they will not be damaged or lost in the mail.

The WAZ Awards Manager is required to pack all returned QSLs in accordance with US Postal and US Customs Regulations.

**Certificate Mailing:** Your WAZ (5BWAZ) certificate can be AIRMAILED (not overnight ship) for an additional \$5.00. Certificates are normally mailed via surface mail.

## Section 7. Processing Fees

Fees shall be paid by the following methods:

1. U.S. currency
2. Cashiers Check or Money Order (U.S. or Canadian Banks only — US Funds only)
3. Bank Draft (U.S. or Canadian Banks only — US Funds only)
4. Personal Checks (drawn on US Banks only) made out to Floyd Gerald (not to WAZ Awards Manager, or CQ Magazine)
5. IRC s will be accepted at an exchange rate of .50 US per IRC

### Processing Fee Schedule

Award	CQ Subscriber	Non-CQ Subscriber
Any 40 QSL WAZ Award (including 160 Meters)	\$6.00	\$12.00
Basic 5BWAZ application fee (150 zones)	\$10.00	\$15.00
5BWAZ endorsement application fee (Each Additional 10 zones)	\$2.00	\$5.00
160,6, EME, Satellite endorsement application fee	\$2.00	\$5.00
160,6, EME, Satellite endorsement stickers (35,36,37,38,39,40 zones)	\$2.00 each	\$2.00 each
WAZ Certificate Replacement (due to loss/damage)	\$20.00	\$30.00
WAZ Certificate Replacement (due to callsign change)	\$40.00	\$50.00
5BWAZ Plaque	\$80.00	\$80.00
5BWAZ Plaque with Air Shipment	\$100.00	\$100.00
Air Mailing of WAZ Certificate	\$5.00	\$5.00

Examples Of Fees:

**5BWAZ** The Application is for 176 zones, CQ Magazine Subscriber

\$10 for first 150 zones

\$6 for the remaining 26

You will be credited for having paid for processing 170 zones

**6 Meter WAZ** The Application is for 32 Zones, Not a CQ Magazine Subscriber

Award Fee is \$12.00 Endorsement Sticker for 40 Zones ONLY

**5BWAZ** Endorsement for 190 Zones, 163 previously submitted, Credits for processing of 170 zones, Non CQ Magazine Subscriber

Endorsement Fee: \$10.00 (\$5 for 180 Zones, \$5 for 190 Zones)

**6 Meter WAZ** Endorsement for 36 Zones, 26 previously submitted, Credits for processing of 26 Zones, CQ Magazine Subscriber

Endorsement Processing fee: \$2

Stickers for 30, 35 and 36 zones: \$6

## Section 8. WAZ Zone/Country List

**Zone 1. Northwestern Zone of North America:** KL (Alaska), VY1V/E8 Yukon, the Northwest and Nunavut Territories west of 102 degrees (Includes the islands of Victoria Banks, Melville, and Prince Patrick)

**Zone 2. Northeastern Zone of North America:** V02 Labrador, the portion of VE2 Quebec north of the 50th parallel, the VE8 Northwest and Nunavut 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, VY2, VO1 and 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 (See Notes Below)

**Zone 13. Southeast Zone of South America:** CX, LU, VP8 Islands, and some Antarctic stations (See Notes Below)

**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 (UR), HA, HV, I, IS0, LY (UP), OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, S5, SP, T7, T9, TK, UA2, YL (UQ), YU, ZA, 1A0, Z3, 9A, 9H and 4U1VIC.

**Zone 16. Eastern Zone of Europe:** UR—UZ, EU-EW, ER, UA1, UA3, UA4, UA6, UA9 (S,W), US, UC, UO, 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, UN-UQ, UH, UI and UJ-UM

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

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

**Zone 20. Balkan Zone:** E4, JY, LZ, OD, SV, TA, YK, YO, ZC4, 4X and 5B

**Zone 21. Southwestern Zone of Asia:** 4J, 4K, 4L, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, EK, EP, HZ, UD, UF, UG, 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 (Neimenggu), BY9G-L (Gansu), BY9M-R (Ningxia), BY9S-Z (Qinghai) and BY0.

**Zone 24. Eastern Zone of Asia:** BQ9 (Pratas), BV, BY1, BY2, BY3A-F, BY3M-S, BY3T-Z, BY4, BY5, BY6, BY7, BY8, BY9A-F, VS6, VR and XX

**Zone 25. Japanese Zone:** HL, JA and P5

**Zone 26. Southeastern Zone of Asia:** HS, VU (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), XV(3W), XU, XW, XZ and 1 S (Spratly Islands)

**Zone 27. Philippine Zone:** DU (Philippines), JD1 (Minami Torishima), JD1 (Ogasawara), T8(KC6) (Palau), KH2 (Guam), KH0 (Marianas Is.), V6 (Fed. States of Micronesia) and BS7 (Scarborough Reef)

**Zone 28. Indonesian Zone:** H4, P2, V8, YB, 4W (East Timor), 9M and 9V

**Zone 29. Western Zone of Australia:** VK6, VK8, VK9X (Christmas Is.), VK9Y (Cocos-Keeling Is.) and some Antarctic stations (See Notes Below)

**Zone 30. Eastern Zone of Australia:** FK/C (Chesterfield), VK1, VK5, VK7, VK9L (Lord Howe Is.), VK9 (Willis Is.), VK9 (Mellish Reef), VK0 (Macquarie Is.) and some Antarctic stations (See Notes Below)

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

**Zone 32. New Zealand Zone:** A3, FK (except Chesterfield), FO (except Marquesas and Clipperton), FW, H40(Temotu), KH8, VK9 (Norfolk Is.) VP6 (Picarin and Ducie), YJ, ZK1, ZK2, ZL, 3D2, 5W and some Antarctic stations (See Notes Below)

**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, 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, 7O and 7Q

**Zone 38. South African Zone:** A2, V5, ZD9, Z2, ZS1-ZS8, 3DA, 3Y (Bouvet Is.), 7P, and some Antarctic stations (See Notes Below)

**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 (See Notes Below)

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

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 36, 4K1E 29, 4K1F 13, 4K1G 30, 4K1H 32, 4K1J 13, 8J1RL 39, CE9 13,

DP0 36, FT-Y 30, HF0POL 13, HL5BDS 13, KC4AAC 13, KC4AAD 13, KC4AAE 29, KC4USB 32, KC4USV 30, LU-Z 13, VK0GM 29, VP8ME 38; YB8ANT 38, and ZL5AA 30. The list changes frequently. Questions regarding the zone of a particular Antarctic station should be directed to the WAZ Manager.

## **Section 9. List of CQ Awards Checkpoints**

These appointed CQ checkpoints can verify your QSL cards and sign the application for all CQ Awards except 160 Meter WAZ , Digital WAZ, 6 Meter, Satellite, EME, 5BWAZ endorsements and new 5BWAZ applications with 190 or more zones. Please contact the checkpoint before mailing QSLs. All approved applications should be sent to the appropriate ward manager with the award fee.

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Checkpoints in the U.S. and Canada