



### **August 2, 2012 Update**

As the Diamond DXCC continues to gain in popularity in the second half of 2012, we realize that some administrative items need to be changed to streamline the process and allow for reporting of standings totals that fall between endorsement levels.

Regarding the [online form](#) for tracking Diamond DXCC QSOs and making applications, we will now allow users to submit an application for any number of new entities – not just when one reaches the endorsement levels of 125, 150, 175, or 200. Allowing users to update standings more often, without charge, will save HQ time and expense in processing and shipping single endorsement stickers. This change will also allow users to report their true entity total (if you have 173 entities, there is now a way to register that number to the [standings list](#) without having to wait until you worked number 175) that will appear online.

Participants still must purchase the Diamond DXCC certificate with the first submission, but after that there will be no more charges for endorsements. We will raise the price of the certificate \$1 to help cover the endorsement costs. At the end of the Diamond DXCC Award year, sometime in February, 2013, we will send endorsement stickers in one mailing to everyone who qualified for them.

We encourage everyone to use the online form if they can. Paper applications will also follow the new guidelines above.

Thanks for participating in the Diamond DXCC Award program! The second half of 2012 promises many more opportunities to log some rare DX in celebration of the 75th anniversary of DXCC – the world's premier DX award.



## ARRL Diamond DXCC Challenge Rules

1. The Diamond DXCC Challenge Awards are available to all amateurs worldwide who contact a minimum of 100 countries from the Diamond DXCC List. US Amateurs must be members of the ARRL. Generally, the rules for the Diamond DXCC Challenge are the same as the rules for the DXCC Program, except as listed here.
2. Contacts must be made from within the same DXCC entity by the same operator.
3. Contacts must be made during 2012 – from 0000Z on 1 January, 2012, through 2359Z on 31 December 2012. All Amateur bands may be used except for 60 Meters.
4. There are no mode endorsements or band endorsements. The Diamond DXCC Challenge is considered to be a Mixed-Mode/Mixed-Band award. There are no power categories or restrictions for the award.
5. Confirmations are not required to obtain this award, but HQ will review submitted entries for accuracy and validity.
6. The Diamond DXCC Challenge certificate will be available for working 100 entities and will be endorsable with stickers at the following levels: 125, 150, 175, 200, and 225.
7. Applicants should use ARRL-supplied forms available online or obtained by writing: DXCC, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.
8. The Diamond DXCC Award certificate fee is \$16 including shipping within the USA, and \$18 including shipping outside the USA.

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