



THE ARRL OUTGOING QSL SERVICE

As postage costs continue to increase, don't go broke before you're even halfway towards making DXCC. There's a better and cheaper way -- "QSL VIA BURO" through the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service! Using the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to conveniently send your QSL cards overseas is one of the greatest bargains of ARRL membership.

To use this service you only need to provide proof of ARRL membership and pay the fee according to the schedule below. You can send 10 cards or less for just \$2.00. The potential savings over the substantial cost of mailing individual QSL cards overseas is equal to many times the price of your annual dues. Cards sent via the Bureau are sorted by the Outgoing QSL Service staff who handle approximately one million cards each year. Cards are usually shipped within one month of receipt.

The Service ships QSL cards to QSL Bureaus throughout the world which are typically maintained by the national Amateur Radio Society of each country. Sending QSL cards via the Bureau takes a little while longer than mailing them directly, but keep in mind that what you might lose in speed is more than made up in the convenience and savings of not having to address and mail each QSL card separately. The ARRL QSL Service cannot be used to exchange QSL cards within the 48 contiguous states (US to US).

You may also send QSLs via the bureau to any QSL manager who manages a non-U.S. callsign. However, you must look up the QSL manager and clearly indicate the QSL manager's callsign on your outgoing card. For example:

Example 1: 8P8P via NN1N. Sort this card in with other cards going to U.S. managers.

Example 2: 6Y1V via OH3RB. Sort this card in with cards to Finland.

There are many sources of QSL information, including QRZ.com, logging programs, the GoList, www.qslinfo.de, and the Daily DX website at: <http://www.dailydx.com/routes.html>.

How To Use The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service

1. Presort your DX QSLs alphabetically by parent callsign prefix (AP, CE, DL, ES, EZ, F, G, JA, LY, PY, UN, YL, 5N, 9Y and so on). Canadian and Australian cards should be sorted by numerical callsign (VE1, VE2, VE3 & VK1, VK2, VK3 etc). Note: Some countries have a parent prefix and use additional prefixes, i.e. G (parent prefix) = M, 2E, 2I, 2M, 2W... When sorting countries that have multiple prefixes, keep that country's prefixes grouped with the parent prefix in your alphabetical stack. Addresses are not required.
2. Do not separate the country prefixes by use of paper clips, rubber bands, slips of paper or envelopes.
3. Please enclose proof of your current ARRL membership. This can be in the form of a photocopy or cut-out of the address area from your current copy of *QST*. You can also write the information from the label on a slip of paper and use that as proof of membership. A copy of your current membership card is also acceptable.
4. Members, including foreign, QSL Managers or managers for DXpeditions, should enclose payment as follows. For those who prefer to send an envelope with small numbers of cards:

- \$2 for 10 or fewer cards in one envelope,
- \$3 for 11-20 cards in one envelope, or

For packages with larger numbers of cards:

- 80 cents per ounce, for packages with 21 or more cards. For example, a package containing 1.5 pounds of cards -- 24 ounces, or about 225 cards -- will cost \$19.20. The minimum charge is \$3.00.

You should use an accurate scale to weigh them. Most post offices have scales that you may use.

5. Please pay by check (or money order) and write your callsign on the check. Send cash at your own risk. DO NOT send postage stamps or IRCs. Please make checks payable to: "The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service." If you would like to know that your cards were received at the ARRL QSL Bureau, enclose an SASE in with your cards and we will return that to you as receipt.

6. DXCC credits cannot be used towards the QSL Service fee.
7. Include only the cards, proof of membership, an SASE (if desired) and the appropriate fee in the package. Wrap the package securely and address it to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494.
8. Family members may also use the service by enclosing their QSLs with those of the primary member. Include the appropriate fee and indicate "family membership" on the primary member's proof of membership.
9. Blind members who do not receive QST need only include the appropriate fee along with a note indicating the cards are from a blind member.
10. ARRL affiliated-club stations may use the service when submitting club QSLs for its members in bulk ("pooling" their members cards together in one package) by indicating the club name inside the package. Club secretaries should check club affiliation on the ARRL web site to ensure that their affiliation is current. In a "pooled" package, each club member using this service must also be an ARRL member. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix and a proof of membership should be enclosed for each ARRL member. QSLs for unaffiliated club calls may also be sent via the outgoing bureau to foreign destinations if the trustee of the club call is a member in good standing. The trustee's proof of membership must be included with the club call-QSLs.

Recommended QSL Card Dimensions

The efficient operation of the worldwide system of QSL Bureaus requires that cards be easy to handle and sort. Cards of unusual dimensions, either much larger or much smaller than normal or printed on thin paper (i.e. copier paper), slow the work of the Bureaus, most of which is done by unpaid volunteers.

A review of the cards received by the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service indicates that most fall in the following range:

Height = 2-3/4 to 4-1/4 in. (70 to 110 mm),
 Width = 4-3/4 to 6-1/4 in. (120 to 160 mm).

IARU Region 2, that includes the United States, has suggested the following dimensions as optimum:
 Height 3-1/2 in. (90 mm), Width 5-1/2 in. (140 mm).

Cards in this range can be easily sorted, stacked and packaged. Cards outside this range create problems. In particular, the larger cards often cannot be handled without folding or otherwise damaging them. In the interest of efficient operation of the worldwide QSL Bureau system, it is recommended that cards entering the system be limited to the range of dimensions given.

Countries Not Served By the Outgoing QSL Service

Approximately 225 DXCC entities are served by the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service, as detailed in the ARRL [DXCC List](#). This includes nearly every active country. As noted previously, cards are forwarded from the ARRL Outgoing Service to a counterpart bureau in each of these countries. In some cases, there is no Incoming Bureau in a particular country and cards, therefore, cannot be forwarded. However, QSL cards can be forwarded to a QSL manager, e.g., ZB2FX via G3RFX. Most operations from places without a QSL bureau have a QSL manager.

The ARRL Outgoing Service cannot forward cards to the following DXCC entities:

A3	Tonga	P5	North Korea	Z2	Zimbabwe
A5	Bhutan	PZ	Suriname	ZA	Albania
A6	United Arab Emirates	S0	Western Sahara	3B	Agalega, Mauritius, Rodrigues
C2	Nauru	S7	Seychelles	3C0	Pagalu Island
C5	Gambia	S9	Sao Tome & Principe	3C	Equatorial Guinea
C6	Bahamas	ST	Sudan	3DA	Swaziland
CN	Morocco	SU	Egypt	3W	Vietnam
D2	Angola	T2	Tuvalu	3X	Guinea
D4	Cape Verde	T3	Kiribati	4J, 4K	Azerbaijan
E3	Eritrea	T5	Somalia	4W	Timor- Leste
E4	Palestine	T8	Palau	5A	Libya
E5	North & South Cook Is.	TJ	Cameroon	5R	Madagascar
ET	Ethiopia	TL	Central African Rep	5T	Mauritania
HH	Haiti	TN	Congo	5U	Niger
HV	Vatican	TT	Chad	5V	Togo
J5	Guinea-Bissau	TU	Cote d'Ivoire	7O	Yemen

J8	St. Vincent				
KG4	Guantanamo Bay	TY	Benin	7P	Lesotho
KH0	Mariana Is.	V3	Belize	7Q	Malawi
KH1	Baker & Howland Is.	V4	St. Kitts & Nevis	8Q	Maldives
KH4	Midway Island	V6	Micronesia	9L	Sierra Leone
KH5	Palmyra & Jarvis Is.	VP2E	Anguilla	9N	Nepal
KH7K	Kure Island	VP2M	Montserrat	9U	Burundi
KH9	Wake island	VQ9	Chagos Diego Garcia	9X	Rwanda
KP1	Navassa Island	XU	Cambodia		
KP5	Desecheo Island	XW	Laos		
P2	Papua New Guinea	XZ	Myanmar		
		YA	Afghanistan		

Countries that currently deliver QSL cards only to members of that country's national radio society include the following:

Belarus Denmark France Germany Hungary Italy Japan Monaco Norway Poland
 Portugal Russia South Africa Sweden Zambia

Additional Information

We do not hold cards for countries with no Incoming Bureau. Only cards indicating a QSL Manager for a station in these particular countries will be forwarded. Undeliverable cards will normally not be returned.

When sending cards to *foreign QSL managers*, you must sort these cards using the manager's callsign, rather than the station's callsign. SWL cards can be forwarded through the QSL Service.

The Outgoing QSL Service **CANNOT** forward stamps, cards inside envelopes, IRCs or "green stamps" (cash) to the foreign QSL bureaus.

Please direct any questions or comments to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service, 225 Main Street, Newington CT, 06111-1494. The Outgoing QSL Service can be reached at 860-594-0274. Inquires via email may be sent to buro@arrl.org

Information regarding the Incoming QSL bureaus can be located at: <http://www.arrl.org/incoming-qsl-service>

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