

Fixing Your Log

Data is never removed or deleted from LoTW.

If you made a mistake with a QSO such as wrong band or mode, etc simply fix the QSO in your log. Export and sign the corrected log file and upload to LoTW. (Use the date range option when signing so you do not upload the entire log again.)

Logbook of The World is a QSO matching service where users upload QSO data and the system compare the data with QSO data uploaded by all LoTW users to find matches. These matches (QSLs) can be used as credit toward awards. Because LoTW is only concerned with matched data extra or erroneous QSOs are not an issue. You must make a station location in TQSL

When you sign a log you create a TQ8 file to upload to LoTW.

Let's look at what makes a TQ8 file.

The call and DXCC entity are derived from your certificate.

The QSO info such as the station worked, date, time, band and mode come from the ADIF file.

The geographic information such as US State, County, grid and zones all come from your station location.

Station locations are associated with your certificate.

You can create as many station locations as necessary to accommodate your operations.

Create a Station Location

1. Open TQSL (not TQSL CERT)
2. Select STATION > ADD LOCATION
3. Use the drop down menu to select the call associated with this new location.

*Note: if you have only one certificate then there will be no drop down option and the call box and DXCC entity box will be gray.

** In the following step please do not omit any information. This information is how the other station receives credit for the QSO.

4. Enter your Grid square.
5. Use the drop down menus to select your ITU zone and CQ zone.
6. If your operation is from an IOTA island enter the IOTA number in the IOTA box using the proper format. (example: NA-026)
7. Click NEXT
8. If you are in the United States (including KL7 & KH6) use the drop down menus to select your US State and US County.

9. Click NEXT
10. In the next box you will be asked to name this station location. You may name this anything you like. If this is your home location then “home” would be a natural choice for a name. You can name the location after an event such as Field Day or name it after the geographic location or the operation such as Yellowstone Park.
11. Now you can sign your log.

The geographic information associated with the call and DXCC entity will be attached to the QSO information from the log creating a TQ8 file that you will upload to LoTW.

Edit a Station Location

1. Open TQSL (not TQSL CERT)
2. Select STATION > EDIT LOCATION
3. Fix the zones, grid and any other information.
4. Finish at the end.
5. Now you can sign your log and upload again. The old geographic information will be overwritten by the new.

If a QSO has been awarded then no change will be made. There is nothing that can be done about that.

LoTW is no different than paper QSL cards. It is up to the person submitting an application for an award to make sure that all information is correct and true. If a person mistakenly receives a paper QSL card for a QSO that he did not have then he is responsible for not submitting the card for award credit. This same thing applies for LoTW QSLs. If a user is making an application for an award then it is up to the applicant who selects the electronic QSLs to be applied for the award to verify that the QSLs are in fact legitimate contacts.

Every user has many opportunities to ensure that information is correct and true before uploading to LoTW and before applying for an award.

If you still have questions or concerns please use the LoTW help ticket.