



QSL BUREAUS AND HOW TO USE THEM

THE GOOD OLD PAPER QSL CARD

IS THIS A DEAD ART?

Paper QSLing has been slowing down since the introduction of online QSL services.

But it has not gone away yet!



TYPES OF BUREAUS

DX QSLing managed by ARRL and their supporting organizations

International
Incoming

International
Outgoing

Clubs

Incoming Cards

TX: B2 - EL32/6L6

INPUT 15 WATTS

RX: B2 - 4 TUBES

Y I 3 D Y

PSE QSL via RSGB or

37 ASH ROAD

GRAVESEND

KENT · ENGLAND

Minerva

To RADIO SM5YG

our QSO of

1440 GMT

UR SIGS WERE RST

73

This is a service provided to all hams. There is no requirement to be an ARRL member.

Just provide some way to ship the cards out to you. Usually, an envelope big enough to fit the QSL card.

Who does the sorting and the mailing of your cards depends on your call area. Most areas have a DX club handling the area.

Each club run the same way but may have some small differences in how they operate.

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National Capitol DX Association's

ARRL's Incoming QSL Bureau System Third Call Area

The National Capitol DX Association, NCDXA serves as the sponsor of the ARRL Third Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau.

The Bureau address is:

W3 QSL Bureau
National Capitol DX Association
P. O. Box 190
Glenelg, MD 21737-0190

"Our only purpose is to get the QSLs to you that your DX contacts want you to have. Please help us by providing us with the necessary postage so that we can send your cards to you. 73 and Good DX"
Jack Ference, W3KX, Manager, ARRL's Incoming QSL Bureau, Third Call Area

Note that supplies - postage, envelopes, and cash, should be sent directly to your sorter. This is a change from prior practice where those were sent to the bureau address and were being forwarded. Dealing directly with your sorter will reduce delays and help your sorters respond to your needs.

How to Identify Your Sorter

Your sorter letter is the first letter in your callsign suffix, e.g., W3 XYZ = X

Click on the link in the table below to view the information on each sorter.

A, D	B	C	E	F	G
H	I, J	K	L	M	N
O	P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y	Z

3-LAND QSL BUREAU

[HTTPS://WWW.NCDXA.ORG/QSL.SHTML](https://www.ncdxa.org/qsl.shtml)

SENDING ENVELOPES

Suggestions on Envelopes are a #10 business size, 5 x 7-1/2, or 6 x 9 inch self addressed stamped envelope

Your Call Sign

KA3XXQ

Stamp



Dan Rhoades
1010 East 22nd Street
Erie, PA 16503

*Best to use a
forever stamp
to avoid extra
charges.*

OUTGOING BUREAU

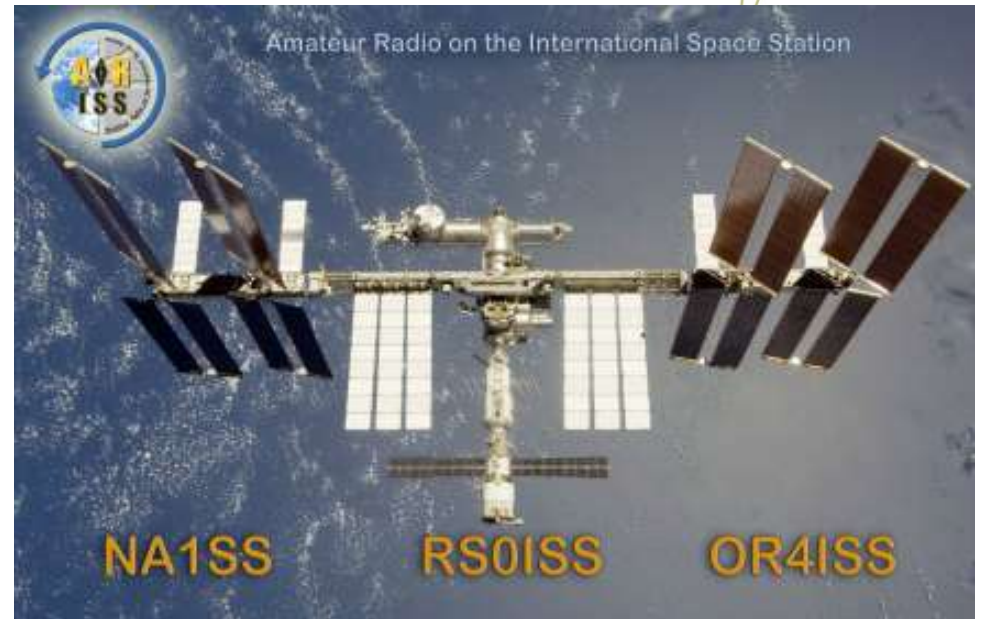
To use the outgoing services, you must be an ARRL member.

There is a fee based on number or weight of cards sent.

- 10 or less is \$2.00
- 11 to 20 is \$3.00
- 21 or more is \$0.75 per ounce

No matter your call area, outgoing cards are all mailed to the same location.

**ARRL Outgoing QSL Service
225 Main Street
Newington, CT 06111-1494**



How to use

Send envelope with the following:

Sorted Cards

- Sort by prefix and area number
 - Example (AP, CE, DL, ES, EZ, F, G, JA, LY, VE2, VE3 ,VK1, VK3)
- If possible, keep countries together
 - UK is G, but also includes M, 2E, 2I, 2M, 2W

Proof of Membership

- Copy of membership card or QST mailing label.

Payment

- Check or money order
- DO NOT send Cash

Note with Call and Weigh



SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

- *DO NOT use for domestic US to US cards.*
- *Check ARRL QSL service site if the intended country accepts QSL cards via a bureau.*
- *With some foreign hams, cards may need to be directed to their QSL Manager. They may not be in the same country.*
- *Also check if the intended country has restrictions.*
 - *Example is some countries, like Germany, France, or South Africa will only deliver cards to members of that country's national radio society (The list is on the ARRL site).*

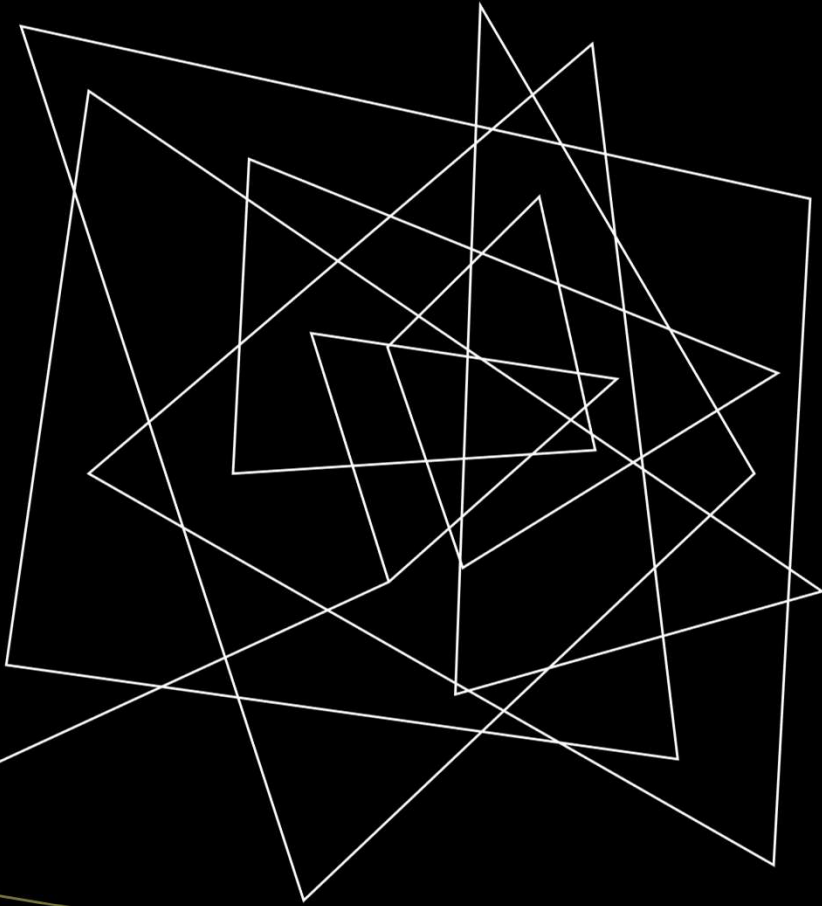
Domestic QSLing

Few options for sending cards to US hams. Some clubs handle cards for their members. Some of the following have bureaus.

- SKCC
- OMISS
- AMSAT
- 3905 Century Club

They are free for incoming and outgoing QSLing

Their rules depend on the club. Most follow similar rules to the ARRL DX Bureaus. See the club sites for more details.



QUESTIONS???

Links

W3 Incoming DX Bureau

- *Managed by National Capitol DX Association*
- *<https://www.ncdxa.org/index.shtml>*

US Outgoing DX Bureau

- *<https://www.arri.org/outgoing-qsl-service>*

SKCC Bureau

- *https://skccgroup.com/member_services/qsl_buro/*

OMISS Bureau

- *<https://www.omiss.net/Facelift/QSLBuro.php>*

3905 Century Club Domestic Buro

- *<https://www.3905ccn.org/buro-allnets.php>*