

DXCC card checking de K8DV

As a member of SWODXA and ARRL card checker, I wanted to take a few minutes and share some information concerning checking cards.

To avoid problems with field checking your application be sure to follow the instructions on the ARRL website <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-rules> Note that as of April 2, 2012, there are 2 ways of doing a paper card submission, online and traditional. You can no longer do a hybrid LoTW and paper card submission on a single application. It is necessary that you follow all the instructions and have all the paperwork properly filled out or I will not be able to check your cards. Submissions via LoTW and paper cards are treated as 2 separate applications, the good news is there is no longer any up charge for submitting more than a single application per year any longer.



If you use the preferred Online Electronic DXCC Application <http://www.arrl.org/online-dxcc-application> for your paper cards it will be easier and cheaper for you. It will also go a lot faster at HQ when they get your paperwork since you already entered your card data in the ARRL system. With the online application you can enter the cards in any order. Just make sure to enter the QSOs on cards with multiple QSOs together to facilitate checking. The reason you don't have to sort by band then mode is because there is minimal data entry work at HQ when they get your field checked application. Payment is made online and not handled by the card checker.

You can also use the Traditional Application forms <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-forms> where you fill in and print the PDF forms for the application and record sheets. Make sure to follow those instructions. A traditional application will cost you roughly twice as much as the online application to cover data entry costs at HQ. With a traditional application you must sort cards by band then by mode with all the multiple QSO cards being listed last to facilitate data entry at ARRL HQ. If you use the traditional application make sure you include valid credit card info on the bottom of the PDF application form. Payment by card is best as cash presents problems for the checker as I have to deposit the cash and pay via my own card or write a check to cover.

Whichever way you do it, follow those instructions and make sure the cards are properly sorted in the same order as your DXCC Record Sheet. Also make certain that all the QSL card information (call, date, band, mode, country) has been entered correctly on the record sheet.

As a card checker and holder of 160 DXCC, I can check cards for 160, I can also check deleted countries. In addition to DXCC, I can check WAS, VUCC, WAC cards for award credit.

Bring the following:

- Cards sorted per your Record Sheet
- Printed copy of the signed and dated Application Sheet
- Printed copy of the DXCC Record Sheet
- Stamped envelope addressed to DXCC Desk, ARRL HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 so we can mail your application to HQ.

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