



The CQ iDX Award

The **CQ iDX Award** is an introductory award, along the lines of old-time Novice awards, which encourages the development of a DXing "mindset" by recognizing the accomplishments of those amateurs who make confirmed contacts with between 25 and 100 different DX countries ('entities') through the use of internet-linked repeater systems or remote bases.

Because this is an introductory award, because many repeater-only hams do not yet have traditional QSL cards and because these contacts do/will not count toward traditional DXing awards, our confirmation requirements are somewhat more relaxed for this award than for traditional DX awards (see rules for specifics). However, since it is still an amateur radio award, we will require that *at least one end of each contact must be made by amateur radio*. Computer-to-computer contacts, while possible on such systems as Echolink, *will not count* for this award. At least one person in each contact must be *on the radio*.

All contacts must be made after 0000Z on January 1, 2006. For gathering verifications, we encourage use of technology to avoid the inconvenience, expense and delay of postal mail whenever possible.

RULES: THE CQ iDX AWARD

1. The **CQ iDX Award** is an introductory award for contacts made between licensed amateurs in different countries by means of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) linking systems. These systems include, but are not limited to, IRLP (Internet Radio Linking Project), EchoLink, WIRES, and internet-linked remote base systems, which use the internet and VoIP to connect amateur radio repeaters and operators. At least one station in each contact must be transmitting via radio in the amateur bands (e.g., computer-to-computer Echolink QSOs do not count toward this award). SWLs may qualify by monitoring the required contacts and receiving confirmation from at least one of the stations involved.
2. The basic award is issued for confirmed VoIP contacts with amateurs in at least 25 countries. Endorsement stickers are issued for 50, 75 and 100 confirmed countries. All contacts must have been made after **0000 UTC, January 1, 2006**.
3. All contacts must be two-way (SWLs must monitor two-way contacts). Confirmations are required. For the purposes of this award only, acceptable confirmations include traditional QSL cards, electronic/online confirmations from sources approved by CQ (see CQ website for details) and verifiable e-mails. All confirmations must contain the callsigns of both stations, the name, mailing address and location of the sending station (if different from the mailing address at the time of contact) and details of the contact, including date, time, mode and frequency band used by the sending station for the contact (if the station accessed the amateur bands via the internet, the confirmation should indicate "Internet" in place of frequency), and must state that the contact is via VoIP (including specific system name). E-mail confirmations must also include the sender's valid e-mail address and must be dated within 60 days of the contact for which credit is claimed. CQ reserves the right to spot-check confirmations.
4. Applications should be submitted on the official **CQ iDX Award** application (form **2006-A**). Reasonable facsimiles or computer printouts are also acceptable. Contacts should be listed in alphabetical order by callsign prefix. Listings must include the frequency band (or internet) used by each station, as well as the VoIP linking system used. Confirmations must be verified by one of the authorized check points for the CQ DX Awards, or must be included with the application. Return postage must be included.
5. An SASE must be enclosed with all endorsement applications. Stations outside the United States must include an SAE with two IRCs for air-mail return.
6. Any altered or forged confirmations will result in permanent disqualification of the applicant.
7. Fair play and good sportsmanship in operating are required for all amateurs working toward CQ DX Awards. Repeated use of poor ethics will result in disqualification of the applicant.

8. A fee of \$6.00 is required for CQ subscribers applying for a **CQ iDX Award** certificate. The latest CQ mailing label must be attached for the subscriber discount. For non-subscribers the certificate fee is \$12.00. Endorsement stickers are \$1 each for all applicants. IRCs (International Reply Coupons) are acceptable in lieu of check or cash.

9. All contacts must be with land-based or shipboard amateur stations. Contacts with aircraft are not acceptable. Contacts from international waters are not acceptable. Shipboard stations must be in the territorial waters of a country, no more than 12 miles (19 kilometers) from shore, operating in accordance with that country's laws and regulations, and the confirmation must indicate the country from whose waters the shipboard station is operating. The CQ DX Award countries list or ARRL DXCC Countries List determines what entities are considered separate countries. In the event of differences between the lists, the CQ DX Award countries list will govern.

10. In the event of any disputes or disagreements, decisions of the CQ DX Awards Manager shall be final.

11. All checks must be made payable to Keith Gilbertson. Applications should be sent to Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, CQ DX Awards Manager, 21688 Sandy Beach Lane, Rochet, MN 56578-9604 USA.