



## THE TCDXA LADDER Q & A

The following Q & A should answer questions you may have regarding the TCDXA Ladder.

### ***What is the TCDXA Ladder?***

The Ladder is a matrix on the TCDXA website at <http://www.tcdxa.org/dxccladder.php> that tracks confirmed ARRL DXCC and CQ 5BWAZ accomplishments by our members. Listing on the Ladder is optional, and is entirely up to you. Let us know that you want to be included by sending us your numbers.

### ***What is my source for the award numbers that are shown for participating members?***

DXCC numbers may be taken from your LoTW Award Matrix, found under the "Awards" heading of your LoTW account (see example of the Award Matrix, below\*\*\*) at <https://p1k.arrl.org/lotwuser/default> and/or the DX Century Club website at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings>.

The CQ 5BWAZ program details can be found at [http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_awards/cq\\_waz\\_awards/index\\_cq\\_waz\\_award.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_awards/cq_waz_awards/index_cq_waz_award.html).

### ***What must I do to get my numbers listed on the Ladder?***

Send our webmaster ([webmaster@tcdxa.org](mailto:webmaster@tcdxa.org)) a copy of your Award Matrix and your 5BWAZ total, and we will post your numbers. If you are not a LoTW participant, see below.

### ***What if I don't participate in LoTW, and make paper applications to the ARRL DXCC Desk?***

Send us a copy of your Award Credit Slip, sent to you by the DXCC desk. This same information is available in the DXCC Award data base at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings>. You may either scan your Award Credit Slip or type your numbers into an email and send to [webmaster@tcdxa.org](mailto:webmaster@tcdxa.org). Or, you can send a hard copy of your Award Credit Slip. Please contact the [webmaster](mailto:webmaster@tcdxa.org) for the mailing address.

### ***What if I use both systems, LoTW (electronic submission) and the DXCC Desk (paper application)?***

Not a problem. The two systems are integrated, and updates made to one system will automatically update the other one. An Award Certificate is not required for listing on the Ladder.

### ***What if I work DX, use a paper log and have the QSLs, but I haven't sent them in for credit?***

You need to send your QSLs to DXCC for credit (paper application, with or without field checking). Or, you may enter QSO details from your paper logs into the software you receive when you register for

LoTW (or into any logging program that can generate an ADIF file). The ADIF file may then be uploaded to the LoTW database under your callsign. You may then claim DXCC credits using an LoTW (only) submission for the LoTW QSO matches, or with a hybrid application (LoTW credits plus paper QSLs).

Claiming DXCC credits is not required for listing on the Ladder. We will use your TOTAL column numbers from the LoTW award credit matrix as they reflect CONFIRMED QSOs.

### ***What about CQ's 5BWAZ program?***

The Ladder tracks your 5BWAZ progress. The award is initially issued at the 150 zone level, and endorsement stickers are issued in 10 zone increments after that, up to 200. Send us your current zone total, and it will be posted. Your 5BWAZ total is found at the CQ Award website.

[http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_awards/cq\\_waz\\_awards/cq\\_waz\\_5\\_band\\_award.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_awards/cq_waz_awards/cq_waz_5_band_award.html).

### ***What is the minimum number of DXCC entities and CQ zones required for listing?***

DXCC band/mode awards require a minimum of 100 entities. The DXCC Challenge Award requires a minimum of 1000 entities. The 5BWAZ Award requires a minimum of 150 zones.

### ***I'm still confused, and have questions not answered here.***

Please contact the following for assistance. They have many years of experience with the programs, and will be more than happy to assist you.

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### **\*\*\* LoTW Award Matrix**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Selected</b>	<b>Applied</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Total / Current</b>
<a href="#">Mixed</a> *	0	0	350	350 / 341
<a href="#">CW</a> *	0	0	348	348 / 340
<a href="#">Phone</a> *	0	0	302	302 / 299
<a href="#">Digital</a> *	0	0	198	198 / 197
<a href="#">160M</a> *	0	0	225	225 / 223
<a href="#">80M</a> *	0	0	248	248 / 245
<a href="#">40M</a> *	0	0	301	301 / 296
<a href="#">30M</a> *	0	0	291	291 / 288
<a href="#">20M</a> *	0	0	347	347 / 338
<a href="#">17M</a> *	0	0	304	304 / 301
<a href="#">15M</a> *	0	0	324	324 / 320
<a href="#">12M</a> *	0	0	277	277 / 274
<a href="#">10M</a> *	1	0	286	287 / 284
<a href="#">6M</a>	0	0	1	1 / 1
<a href="#">Challenge</a> *	1	0	2569	--- / 2570
5-Band *	---	---	---	--- / ---
5-Band 160M *	---	---	---	--- / ---
5-Band 17M *	---	---	---	--- / ---
5-Band 30M *	---	---	---	--- / ---
5-Band 12M *	---	---	---	--- / ---

\* = Award has been issued