

REGULATIONS FOR APPLYING FOR BCB AWARDS (REVISED MARCH 2020)

The IRCA Achievement Awards Committee offers to all IRCA Members the following series of awards:

Series I: States Award: 20, 30, 40, 45 and 50 (VAS) States Verified

Series II: Provinces Award: 6, 8, 10 and 12 (VAP) Provinces Verified

Series III: Countries Award: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 Countries Verified (increments of 5)

Series IV: Total Stations Verified Award: 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 550, 600, 700, 750 Stations, Verified (increments of 50)

Series V: Domestic Capital Cities: 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 Domestic Capital Cities Verified

Series VI: Graveyard Channel Award: 25, 50, 100 Stations Verified on all Graveyard channels (increments of 25)

Special Award: Verified All Continents: (VAC) Antarctica not required for this

The following set of regulations will apply to all members requesting an Achievement Award Certificate. They are simple and easy to follow. Please read them carefully. Recorded refers to an audio tape or audio file (.mp3, etc.).

1. You must be an IRCA Member to qualify.
 2. For each station used in the application for an award, the member must have in his possession, at the time of his application, either a verification of reception from the station, or a recorded verification. A recorded verification should include a definite ID (see below) and may be very short in duration. Some material recorded a few seconds before and after the ID gives the recording a desirable continuity.
- A. A Canadian or US station, to be recorded verified, must have the station call letters PLUS either the location of the station AND/OR the frequency. (All three are preferred). If a station promo contains the above elements, it may be counted as a definite ID.
- B. For foreign stations, a station slogan (or call) plus location and frequency is best. Minimal requirements would seem to indicate that the slogan plus the location are needed. Promos or even spots (if they are clearly local) will help. In the case of stations (Latin Americans especially) on a network with no local IDs, a network ID is the best that one can do. Make certain that your station is indeed on the network heard and that there is no chance of mis-identification. In the case of a foreign language, ascertain that you heard and translated correctly.

AS A GENERAL RULE ASK: "WOULD MY RECORDED VERIFICATION CONVINCE A VISITOR THAT I DID INDEED HEAR THE STATION CLAIMED"?

3. The Awards Committee reserves the right to require either the original or a photocopy/picture of any verification, or a duplicate recorded file, and shall be the sole authority in awarding certificates. Decisions are final.
4. A fee will be levied to cover the cost of printing and postage for printed awards. US members should send the fee in check, money order (in US funds) or PayPal (phil_tekno@yahoo.com); Canadian Members may do the same.

FEE RATE: 1 printed award sent by 1st class, \$2.00. 2 or more printed awards sent 1st class, \$1.00 each. (Awards can be sent via Email as a .pdf free of charge).

5. The term "broadcast band", for the purposes of these awards, and in accordance with IRCA Bylaws, is considered to be that range of frequencies extending from 510 kHz to 1720 kHz inclusive. All types of stations in the range may be counted. This includes commercial broadcasters, beacons, special low powered military stations, etc.
6. Countries and continents are based on the current edition of the IRCA Countries List. The District of Columbia will count as part of Maryland for the States Awards; the Yukon and Northwest Territories are considered as provinces for the Provinces Award. Capital Cities Award refers to capital cities of all continental US states, the capital cities of Canadian provinces and territories, and the capital cities of Alaska and Hawaii. Persons verifying either capital cities of the Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut will receive and honorable mention on the Domestic Capital Cities Verified Award.
7. Please submit your applications via Email to phil.bytheway@gmail.com (Phil Bytheway) or on standard sized paper (8 1/2 x 11") in either hand-written or type form (Phil Bytheway, 9705 Mary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117-2334). Here are the formats to be used in applications:

- A. When applying for States, Provinces, Countries, and Continents Awards:

Number in alphabetical order: Location, Call Letters, Frequency, Date Heard

1. Alabama, Birmingham WAPI 1070 March 3 1971
2. California, Riverside KPRO 1440 April 1 1961
3. Colorado, Denver KOA 850 December 7 1965

Applications for the Capital Cities Award should list the provinces alphabetically in one list and states alphabetically in the other, as above.

- B. When applying for the Total Stations Verified Award:

Number Frequency (in order): Frequency, Call Letters, Location of Station, Date Heard

1. 540 CBK Regina, Saskatchewan June 3 1968
2. 590 WOW Omaha, Nebraska April 10 1963
3. 834 Radio Belize Belize, British Honduras December 3 1965

Applications for the Graveyard Channel Award should list the station on each frequency as a group. Any order desired may be used.

8. In both formats (A) and (B) above, please number each entry – this speeds checking. Recorded veries may be listed with written ones. No special designation is required.
9. Initial applications for 300 or more Total Stations Verified may be listed in order of call letters; state, province or country; or in order of cities. Additional applications for Total Stations Verified Awards should be in format 7-B.
10. For the purposes of the Graveyard Channel Award, the frequencies are 1230, 1240, 1400, 1450, and 1490 kHz. Any station at any location on any of these frequencies is acceptable.
11. Any particular station that you have heard and verified becomes a "new" station and may be counted again when verified if it has:
 - A: Changed call letters
 - B: Changed frequency or
 - C: Changed locations (city of license or transmitter location).
12. The countries labeled "inactive" per the IRCA Countries List will be valid for pertinent awards if they have been verified before the "inactive" date.
13. Stations heard and verified must be heard within 25 miles of your permanent home. For fairness, stations heard while travelling cannot be counted. However, if you once resided, for example, in Utah, and then moved to Maine, you may count DX received from both points. Similarly, if you permanently reside for long periods of time at a school at another location, or are stationed at a military base, you are permitted to count the veries received from these points. When applying for an award which covers DX received from more than one point, please clearly mark this on your application, along with the particular circumstances of the case.
14. Please submit a separate application for each award, with your name and address on each sheet/Email.
15. KEEP A COPY OF EACH APPLICATION, as your original will not be returned. The system is cumulative. For example, after applying for, and receiving, an award for "30 States Verified", you may, upon verifying another 10, apply for "40 States Verified" by merely listing the new 10 in the format mentioned in #7.
16. Should an application be rejected for any reason, the application and fee will be returned within 10 days for correction.
17. Accepted applications become the property of the Achievement Awards Committee and may be used for any purpose.

