

RAC OUTGOING QSL BUREAU

The RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau provides an outgoing QSL card forwarding service to overseas, Canadian, and USA Incoming QSL Bureaus.

The service is available to RAC members, RAC affiliated clubs (club call only), and QSL Managers if they are RAC members, no matter how many QSL clients they serve.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

A copy of a recent TCA label, or the RAC membership information found on the top line of the label, should accompany each shipment of QSL cards I you send. QSL Managers sending cards for their QSL clients should provide proof of RAC membership for themselves.

Acknowledgment of receipt of your QSL cards will only be given if you include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with your QSL cards, or provide an email address.

For faster Bureau sorting, cards should have the destination call sign clearly marked on the upper right corner (front or back). If the card is going to a QSL Manager, show the QSL Manager's call sign on upper right corner (front or back).

Finding an appropriate QSL Manager for DX station is essential. Please refer to the Bureau webpage for links to QSL Managers. RAC does not take responsibility for the validity of information on these links.

Sort your QSL cards alphabetically by Bureaus' prefixes. Separate Canadian cards and sort them by domestic Bureaus. Also separate cards for US continental Bureaus, from Bureaus in US possessions (KH6, KL7, KH2), and outlying areas (KP2, KP4). In addition, continental US cards should be sorted by 11 Bureaus (4th area has two Bureaus: Single-letter prefix W4, K4, N4, and two-letter prefixes AB4, WB4, etc). QSL cards for Managers should be sorted in the Manager's Bureau, not in the client's.

Standard QSL card size is 90 X 140 mm (3.5" X 5.5"), printed on 130 grams/sq. metre stock which will result in 2400 cards weighing 4 kg, the yearly "free allowance" for RAC members (note: ARRL charges \$8/lb with no free allowance). All cards larger than 100 X 150 mm (4" X 6") will be folded by the Bureau system. Please refrain from using oversize, undersize, overweight or underweight cards.

The following countries have no Incoming QSL Bureau, so cards cannot be forwarded to these prefixes:
A3, A5, A6, J5, KH1, KH5, KH7K, KH8, KH9, KP1, KP5, P5, S7, SU, T2, T3, T5, T8, TJ, TL, TN, TT, TY, V6, VP2E, XU, XW, XZ, YA, 1Z, 3C, 3C0, 3W, 3X, 4W, 5T, 5U, 7O, 7P, 7Q, 8Q, 9N, 9U, 9X

Cards for Prefixes with no Bureau can be forwarded to a QSL Manager who is located in a country with an Incoming QSL Bureau. Cards confirming contacts with Non-Bureau prefixes will be returned to you via the Provincial Incoming Bureau.

NOTICE TO QSL MANAGERS

QSL Managers must be RAC members (entitled to 2400/4 kg cards for his own call(s)).

QSL cards for portable operation of a RAC member (SV5/VE3EXY/P) count as his own cards (towards his own 2400/4 kg allowance). The portable operation of Canadian RAC non-member (9X5/VE3MJQ) is not accepted even when managed by another RAC QSL Manager.

The QSL client must be a non-Canadian resident using a non-Canadian call, and have a RAC member Canadian QSL Manager to have cards processed via the Outgoing QSL Bureau.

Canadian residents must be full-time RAC members to use the Outgoing QSL Bureau. A QSL client is not entitled for any allowed amount of cards. He/she pays \$26 CDN/kg, or part of it no less than 100 grams.

1-100 grams: \$2.60
101-200 grams: \$5.20
201-300 grams: \$7.80...
All dues are paid in a single mailing.

New QSL Bureau Surcharges for RAC Members

Effective January 1, 2002, Outgoing QSL Bureau users exceeding 2400 QSL cards (or 4 kg) per membership year will be surcharged \$1 per 200 additional cards (or 333 grams).

Mail QSL Cards to:

RAC Outgoing QSL Bureau
P O Box 11156, Stn H
Nepean, ON K2H 7T9
Telephone: (613) 763-4526
Email: ve3exy@rac.ca
Website: www.magma.ca/~ve3exy/bureau.html

NOTE:

It often takes a long time to receive a card through the QSL Bureau system. With the high cost of postage, foreign Radio Amateurs and Amateur Radio societies tend to ship QSL cards in bulk, often only once or twice a year. Please be patient. If a much needed card is slow in coming, it is unlikely that the hold-up is caused by a Canadian QSL Bureau.

The RAC National Incoming QSL Bureau

Member societies of the International Radio Union (IARU) operate a world wide system of QSL Bureaus. Radio Amateurs of Canada, as the Canadian member-society, operates a National Incoming Bureau, and sponsors the Incoming Bureaus for the twelve Canadian call areas.

Cards received by the National Incoming Bureau from IARU member societies are sorted and forwarded to the Incoming Bureau in each call area.

The National Incoming Bureau address is:
National Incoming QSL Bureau
Sponsored by: Loyalist City ARC
Len Morgan, VE9MY, Manager
Box 51
SAINT JOHN NB E2L 3X1

PROVINCIAL INCOMING BUREAUS

The names and addresses of the Provincial incoming bureaus are given below with their preferred method. Although RAC sponsors the bureaus, all Canadian amateurs may use them.

VO Incoming Bureau Rick Burke, VO1SA, Manager Box 23099 Churchill Square ST. JOHN'S NF A1B 4J9	B, C*
VE0, VE1 Brit Fader Memorial QSL Bureau Bob Burns, VE1VCK, Manager Box 8895 HALIFAX NS B3K 5M5	B
VE9 - VY2 Incoming Bureau Bob Sherwood, VE1XW, Manager Box 73 MONCTON NB E1C 8R9	B
VE2 Incoming Bureau JacquesDubé, VE2QK, Manager 875 St. Sévère St., Trois Rivières, PQ G9A 4G4	A, B*
VE3 Incoming Bureau Gary Westhouse, VE3NIT, Manager PO Box 157, Downsview, ON M3M 3A3	D
VE4 Incoming Bureau Adam Romanchuck, VE4SN, Manager 26 Morrison St., Winnipeg, MB R2V 3B4	B, C*
VE5 Incoming Bureau Bjarne "Bj" Madsen, VE5FX, Manager P.O. Box 2860 Tisdale, SK S0E 1T0	B
VE6 Incoming Bureau Al Nichols, VA6AN, Manager Box 1515 Gibbons, AB T0A 1N0	B
VE7 Incoming Bureau Dennis Livesey, VE7DK, Manager 8309 112th St., Delta, BC V4C 4W7	B
VE8/VY0 Incoming Bureau Rolf Ziemann, VE8RZ, Manager 2 Taylor Road, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2K9 A, *	A,B*
VY1 Incoming Bureau Hugh Henderson, VY1HH, Manager P.O. Box 33062 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5Y5	A,B*

* These bureaus are transitioning to Method B. Method B is preferred.

Letters A, B, C and D below, indicate the method that each Bureau uses to distribute cards to amateurs in the various call areas.

Method A: - Envelopes

Send the bureau in your call area a quantity of 5 by 7.5 self addressed envelopes.

On the top left corner of each envelope, print your call sign.

On the top right corner of each envelope, place enough postage to permit the bureau to mail 50 grams of cards.

Please note that all bureaus offering Method A now prefer Method B.

Method B: - Credits

Send the bureau in your call area \$5.00 and your name, call sign and address.

The bureau will mail you cards, charging the cost of envelopes and postage against the \$5.00 credit.

You will be informed when you should send more money.

Method C: - Combination

Send the Bureau in your call area \$5.00 and self addressed envelopes.

Do not place postage on the envelopes.

You will be informed when you should send more money or envelopes.

Please note that all bureaus offering Method C now prefer Method B.

Method D: - Credits with labels

Send the Bureau in your call area \$5.00 together with a supply of self-addressed adhesive labels with print large enough for use on envelopes.

You will be informed when you should send more money or labels.

RADIO AMATEURS OF CANADA INC.

Radio Amateurs of Canada Inc. (RAC) is the National organization for radio amateurs licensed by Industry Canada (IC).

RAC is organized for the promotion of Amateur Radio communications and experimentation, for the establishment of Amateur Radio networks capable of providing communications in the event of disasters and other emergencies, and for the representation of Canadian Radio Amateurs, nationally to Industry Canada and other government agencies, and internationally as the Canadian member society of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

RAC is incorporated as a non-share capital corporation under the Canada Corporations Act. RAC is governed by a seven person Board of Directors elected on a regional basis by the RAC membership. Although the only essential qualification for RAC membership is a genuine interest in Amateur Radio, full voting membership is granted only to licensed Canadian Amateurs.

Membership in RAC includes a subscription to The Canadian Amateur radio magazine. Membership inquiries and general correspondence should be directed to:

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The RAC QSL Bureau Service