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Worked ITU Zones series of Awards

The Classic Worked ITU Zones award may be claimed by producing evidence of having contacted land based amateur radio stations in at least 70 of the 75 broadcasting zones as defined by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

The 5 Band Worked ITU Zones award may be claimed by producing evidence of having contacted the required number of zones, using all 5 bands, 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz. Each station should be located in a different ITU zone per band. The 3 classes are for contacts :

- 5BWITUZ Supreme 350 zones
- 5BWITUZ Class 1 300 zones, with a minimum of 50 on each band
- 5BWITUZ Class 2 200 zones, with a minimum of 30 on each band

WARC Band Endorsement A holder of the Classic or 5 Band award who can produce evidence of contact with the required number of zones on the 10, 18 and 24 MHz bands may claim a WARC Band endorsement certificate. This is available in 3 classes :

- 5BWITUZ (WARC) Supreme 210 zones
- 5BWITUZ (WARC) Class 1 195 zones
- 5BWITUZ (WARC) Class 2 120 zones, with a minimum of 30 on each band.

Top Band Endorsement A holder of the Classic or 5 Band award who can produce evidence of contact with the required number of ITU zones on the 1.8 MHz band may claim a Top Band endorsement certificate. This is available in 3 classes for 20, 40 and 60 zones.

Notes

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(a) The number of ITU broadcasting zones recognised by the ITU is 75 (zones 1 to 75) and this therefore is the maximum score which can be claimed per band. However, the islands of Minami Torishima (JD1) and Salas-y-Gomez (CE0) lie outside the 75 zones in sea zones 90 and 78 respectively. For 5BWITUZ (including endorsements) contacts with these islands may count in place of one "missing" credit each on any band up to the maximum 75 for that band. Contacts with Minami Torishima or Salas-y-Gomez do not count for WITUZ.

(b) In the case of the WITUZ and 5BWITUZ confirmations need not show the appropriate ITU zone number but in order to count for credit they should give the location of the station in sufficient detail to place it clearly within one particular zone. Doubtful cases indicating possible overlap across two zones will not be given credit.

The list of zones is based on the Radio Amateurs Prefix Map of the World published by Radio Amateur Callbook, P.O. Box 2013, Lakewood, NJ 08701, USA. In the case of countries which encompass two or more ITU zones, eg USA, Russia and Brazil, zonal boundaries will generally follow the longitude/latitude grid lines as shown in the map. In the few instances of discrepancy between the map and the accompanying prefix/country list the decision of the HF Awards Manager will be final.