

Instructions for WRL QSL Card

A JPEG file is available from this website and can be downloaded to give a basis from which to start.

The WRL "My QTH" QSL card was very popular with both Novice Class and higher class of amateur radio operators from the late 1950s and well into the 1960s. The cost of these cards was very low which added to their popularity.

The size of the actual QSL card is indicated by the lines around the map. Using a graphics program edit this JPEG to just outside of these lines to start working with the card design.

The next step is to place the "MY QTH" arrow to a point on the map as close as possible to your actual location.

Your name, address, city, state, and zip code can be entered in whatever type font that you want to use. The original font is close to Arial and a point size of 12 using Microsoft Word is very close to the original type font. The call sign is close to Arial 72-point size.

You should change the color on the "MY QTH" arrow to whatever color you wish to use on the other information that you are adding. Just about any color is correct since there are originals in at least 6-different colors in the K9STH QSL collection.

Examples of original cards, with the various text lines in different places, are illustrated below. The position of the "MY QTH" arrow will determine just where the call sign and information text can go.

The map artwork was compiled by "cut and paste" using information gleaned from several different original QSL cards. This was required because of the placement of the various information on the originals.

The "QSO" information was scanned from an original card that did not have any of this information filled in (was sent as a normal postcard). The only modification to this was to change the "date" from "19" to "20".

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Original "My Qth" QSL Cards

