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VHF/UHF Century Club Award Rules

1. The VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC) is awarded for contact with a minimum number of Maidenhead 2 degrees by 1 degree grid locators per band as indicated below. Grid locators are designated by a combination of two letters and two numbers. More information on grid locators can be found in January 1983 QST, pp 49-51 (reprint available upon request. Send a 9 × 12-inch SASE with 3 units of postage). The ARRL World Grid Locator Atlas and the ARRL Grid Locator for North America are available from the ARRL Publication Sales Department.

(a) The VUCC certificate and endorsements are available to amateurs worldwide; however, ARRL membership is required for hams in the US, its possessions and Puerto Rico.

(b) The minimum number of grid locators needed to initially qualify for each individual band award is as follows:

for 50 MHz, 144 MHz and Satellite	-	100 Credits;
for 222 MHz and 432 MHz	-	50 Credits;
for 902 MHz and 1296 MHz	-	25 Credits;
for 2.3 GHz	-	10 Credits;
for 3.4 GHz, 5.7 GHz, 10 GHz, 24 GHz, 47 GHz, 75 GHz, 119 GHz, 142 GHz, 241 GHz and Laser 300 GHz and above	-	5 Credits

Awards for 222 MHz and 432 MHz are designated as HALF Century.
Awards for 902 MHz and 1296 MHz are designated as QUARTER Century.
Awards above these are SHF.

2. Only those contacts dated January 1, 1983 or later are creditable for VUCC purposes.

3. Individual band awards are endorseable in the following increments:

(a) 50 MHz, 144 MHz and Satellite	25 Credits
(b) 222 and 432 MHz	10 Credits
(c) 902 and above	5 Credits

4. General Rules

(a) Separate bands are considered as separate awards.
(b) No crossband contacts are permitted, except for Satellite.
(c) No contacts through active repeaters are permitted, except for Satellite Awards.
(d) Contacts with aeronautical mobiles (in the air) do NOT count, but maritime mobiles are okay.
(e) Stations who claim to operate from more than one grid locator simultaneously (i.e., from the boundary between two grid locators or from the intersection of four grid locators) must be physically present in all locators to give multiple locator credit with a single contact. These stations should be prepared to validate their claim. For a mobile station, this means parking the vehicle exactly on the line or corner. For a portable station, this means that the total area occupied by the station's physical setup, including operating position(s), power source(s), and antenna(s), must occupy some portion of each of the two/four grid squares simultaneously. Operators of boundary/corner stations should be prepared to provide evidence of meeting the simultaneous occupation test if called upon to do so. Two photographs – one showing the placement of the GPS receiver in the station setup, and a close-up legibly showing the GPS reading – are typically needed as evidence of compliance. Video footage showing an overview of the operating site and then, uncut and in real time, zooming in on the GPS display coordinates is even better.
(f) Grid boundary lines and grid corners must be established using a GPS receiver whose map datum is set to WGS84, the global default for current GPS receivers. The GPS receiver should be set to use WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System) if so equipped, since this improves the error figure to as little as 5 feet. In no case may the GPS receiver show an error figure in excess of 20 feet. Any modern GPS receiver equipped with WAAS will easily meet this requirement, as will most older units without WAAS.

5. There are no specialty endorsements such as "CW only," etc.

6. For VUCC awards on 50 through 1296 MHz and Satellite, all contacts must be made from locations no more than 200 km apart. For SHF awards, contacts must be made from a single location, defined as within a 300-meter diameter circle.

7. Application Procedure (please follow carefully)

(a) Confirmations (QSLs) and application forms must be submitted to an approved VHF Awards Manager for certification. ARRL Special Services Clubs appoint VHF Awards Managers whose names are on file at HQ. If you do not know of an awards manager in your area, HQ will give you the name of the closest manager (also located on the Web at:

http:\\www.arrl.org/vucc.) Foreign VUCC applications should be checked by the Awards Manager for their IARU Member Society in their respective country. Do not send cards to HQ, unless asked to do so.

(b) For the convenience of the Awards Manager in checking cards, applicants may indicate in pencil (pencil ONLY) the grid locator on the address side of the cards that DO NOT clearly indicate the grid locator. The applicant affirms that he/she has accurately determined the proper location from the address information given on the card by signing the affirmation statement on the application.

(c) Cards must be sorted:
(1) Alphabetically by field
(2) Numerically from 00 to 99 within that field

(d) Where it is necessary to mail cards for certification, sufficient postage for proper return of all cards, in addition to appropriate fees as noted in #8, must be included. An SASE is not necessary when a certificate will be issued, since a special mailing tube is used. ARRL accepts no responsibility for cards handled by mail to and from VHF Awards Managers and will not honor any claims. When applying for endorsements, the applicant will indicate in those new grid locators for which credit is sought on the VUCC Record Sheet, located at: http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Awards%20Application%20Forms/VUCC%20Record%20Sheet%20April-2019.pdf and and submit cards for certification to an Awards Manager. If appropriate, an endorsement sticker(s) will be returned.

8. FEES

		Paper QSL Application			**LoTW Application**	
		Member	International		Member	International
Application fee		16	25		7.50	15
Per QSO fee		0.15	0.15		0.12	
Certificate and postage—US address/ foreign address		17 each 12 postage US	17 each 26 postage Foreign		20	30
Sticker and postage—US address/ foreign address		5 each 2 postage US	5 each 7.50 Foreign		$2	3
Special rate for 5 QSOs or less in an application: $6 member or non-member						

9. Disqualification

(a) Altered/forged confirmations or fraudulent applications submitted may result in disqualification of the applicant from VUCC participation by action of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(b) The applicant affirms he/she has abided by all the rules of membership in the VUCC program and agrees to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

10. Decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee regarding interpretation of the rules here printed or later amended shall be final.

11. Operating Ethics: Fair play and good sportsmanship in operating are required of all VUCC members.

12. Complete information on the VUCC Program can be found on *ARRL Web* at: http://www.arrl.org/vucc/
This includes all the forms, rules and copy of the January 1983 *QST* article.

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