

ANNEX D – GUIDE TO PREPARING A FIRST IOTA APPLICATION

The IOTA Committee is often asked the easiest way for a newcomer to prepare a first submission. If you are looking for 'ease', then choose to submit your application electronically rather than on paper. You can now do this on-line over the Internet – full details are given elsewhere in the Directory. Use of this method simplifies the preparation of your claim and also entitles you to a much lower rate of administration fee than if you apply on paper.

We always advise the newcomer to start with his/her DXCC QSL collection and work through that before turning to the bulk of archived QSLs. To make this task as simple as possible, the Committee has prepared a list of the DXCC entities from which any card will be valid for only one IOTA reference number. For example, if you have any DXCC card valid for the Spratly Islands, it will also be valid for IOTA AS-051 and only AS-051. The table of such DXCC entities is shown below.

Table 1 – DXCC Entities where, at the time of writing, all QSOs are valid for one IOTA reference

Prefix	DXCC Entity	IOTA Ref	Prefix	DXCC Entity	IOTA Ref
Various	Spratly Islands	AS-051	KH4	Midway Islands	OC-030
Various	South Orkney Islands	AN-008	KH5K	Kingman Reef	OC-096
Various	South Shetland Islands	AN-010	KH7K	Kure Atoll	OC-020
3B8	Mauritius	AF-049	KH8	Swains Island	OC-200
3B9	Rodrigues Island	AF-017	KH9	Wake Island	OC-053
3C0	Annobon Island	AF-039	KP1	Navassa Island	NA-098
3D2	Conway Reef	OC-112	KP2	Virgin Islands	NA-106
3D2	Rotuma Island	OC-060	KP3, 4	Puerto Rico	NA-099
3Y	Bouvet Island	AN-002	KP5	Desecheo Isl (<i>from 1 March 1979</i>)	NA-095
3Y	Peter 1. Island	AN-004	OH0	Aland Islands	EU-002
5W	Samoa	OC-097	OJ0, SM	Market Reef	EU-053
6Y	Jamaica	NA-097	OY	Faroes	EU-018
8P	Barbados	NA-021	P4	Aruba (<i>from 1 January 1986</i>)	SA-036
8Q	Maldives	AS-013	PJ1, 2, 4	Bonaire & Curacao	SA-006
9H	Malta	EU-023	PY0F	Fernando de Noronha	SA-003
9V	Singapore	AS-019	PY0S	St Peter & St Paul Rocks	SA-014
A9	Bahrain	AS-002	PY0T	Trindade & Martin Vaz Islands	SA-010
BQ9	Tungsha Island (Pratas Island)	AS-110	R1F	Franz Josef Land	EU-019
BS7	Huang Yan Isl (Scarborough Reef)	AS-116	R1M, OH	Maly Vysotskiy Island	EU-117
C2	Nauru	OC-031	SV5	Dodecanese	EU-001
CE0	Juan Fernandez Islands	SA-005	T2	Tuvalu	OC-015
CE0	San Felix & San Ambrosio Islands	SA-013	T30	West Kiribati	OC-017
CY0	Sable Island	NA-063	T31	Central Kiribati	OC-043
CY9	St Paul Island	NA-094	T33	Banaba Island	OC-018
D6	Comoros	AF-007	T19	Coco's Island	NA-012
EA6	Balearic Islands	EU-004	V2	Antigua & Barbuda	NA-100
EA8	Canary Islands	AF-004	V4	St Kitts & Nevis	NA-104
FH	Mayotte Island (<i>from 6 July 1975</i>)	AF-027	VK0	Heard Island	AN-003
FJ	St-Barthelemy (<i>from 14 December 2007</i>)	NA-146	VK0	Macquarie Island	AN-005
FK	Chesterfield Islands	OC-176	VK9	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	OC-003
FM	Martinique	NA-107	VK9	Lord Howe Island	OC-004
FO	Clipperton Island	NA-011	VK9	Mellish Reef	OC-072
FO	Marquesas Islands	OC-027	VK9	Norfolk Island	OC-005
FP	St Pierre & Miquelon	NA-032	VK9	Willis Islands	OC-007
FR/G	Glorioso Islands	AF-011	VK9	Christmas Island	OC-002
FR/T	Tromelin Island	AF-031	VP2E	Anguilla	NA-022
FR	Reunion Islands	AF-016	VP2M	Montserrat	NA-103
FT*W	Crozet Islands	AF-008	VP2V	British Virgin Islands	NA-023
FT*X	Kerguelen Islands	AF-048	VP6	Ducie Island	OC-182
FT*Z	Amsterdam & St Paul Islands	AF-002	VP8	Falkland Islands	SA-002
GD, MD	Isle of Man	EU-116	VP8	South Georgia Island	AN-007
GU, MU	Guernsey & Dependencies	EU-114	VP8	South Sandwich Islands	AN-009
HC8	Galapagos Islands	SA-004	VP9	Bermuda	NA-005
HK0	Malpelo Island	SA-007	YV0	Aves Island	NA-020
J6	St Lucia	NA-108	ZC	Cyprus (UK Sovereign Base Areas)	AS-004
J7	Dominica	NA-101	ZD7	St Helena Island	AF-022
JD	Minami Torishima	OC-073	ZD8	Ascension Island	AF-003
JX	Jan Mayen	EU-022	ZF	Cayman Islands	NA-016
KG4	Guantanamo Bay	NA-015	ZK2	Niue	OC-040
KH0	Northern Mariana Islands	OC-086	ZK3	Tokelau Islands	OC-048
KH1	Baker & Howland Islands	OC-089	ZL7	Chatham Islands	OC-038
KH2	Guam	OC-026	ZL8	Kermadec Islands	OC-039
KH3	Johnston Atoll	OC-023	ZS8	Prince Edward & Marion Islands	AF-021

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You could collect just sufficient cards for the basic IOTA 100 Islands award from this list alone but you would need to be a 'big gun' operator to do so. Assuming more QSLs are needed, it is worth looking at a number of DXCC entities where cards can

count for one of only two IOTA reference numbers. From the table below you will see as an example that a ZD9 card will count for either AF-029 Tristan da Cunha or AF-030 Gough Island.

Table 2 – DXCC Entities that can be one of two IOTA reference numbers

3B6, 7	Agalega Islands (3B6) are AF-001	Saint Brandon Islands (3B7) are AF-015
4W	Timor main island is OC-148	Timor-Leste's coastal islands are OC-232
5B	Cyprus main island is AS-004	Cyprus's coastal islands are AS-120
9Y	Trinidad is SA-011	Tobago is SA-009
CE0 (Easter)	Easter is SA-001	Salas y Gomez is SA-083
D4	Leeward Islands are AF-005	Windward Islands are AF-086
FG	Guadeloupe is NA-102	Les Saintes Islands are NA-114
FR/J, FR/E	Juan de Nova (FR/J) is AF-012	Europa (FR/E) is AF-009
FS	St Martin is NA-105	St Martin's coastal islands are NA-199
FW	Wallis Islands are OC-054	Futuna Islands are OC-118
GI, MI	Ireland main island is EU-115	Northern Irish coastal islands are EU-122
GJ, MJ	Jersey is EU-013	Les Minquiers Islands are EU-099
HH	Hispaniola main island is NA-096	Haiti's coastal islands are NA-149
HI	Hispaniola main island is NA-096	Dominican Republic's coastal islands are NA-122
J3	Grenada is NA-024	The J3 Grenadines are NA-147
J8	St Vincent is NA-109	The J8 Grenadines are NA-025
JD (Ogasawara)	Chichijima, Mukojima & Hahajima are AS-031	Kazan Islands (Iwo Jima) are AS-030
KH5	Palmyra is OC-085	Jarvis is OC-081
KH6	Main Hawaiian Islands group is OC-019	French Frigate Shoals are OC-055
PJ5-7	Sint Maarten is NA-105	Saba & Sint Eustatius are NA-145
S9	Sao Tome is AF-023	Principe is AF-044
SV9	Crete main island is EU-015	Crete's coastal islands are EU-187
T8	Palau Islands are OC-009	South Palau group are OC-248
V85	Borneo main island is OC-088	Brunei's coastal islands are OC-184
VP5	Turks Islands are NA-003	Caicos Islands are NA-002
VP6 (Pitcairn)	Pitcairn is OC-044	Henderson is OC-056
VU (And & Nicobar)	Andaman Islands are AS-001	Nicobar Islands are AS-033
VU (Lakshadweep)	Laccadive Islands are AS-011	Minicoy is AS-106
XF4	Revillagigedo Islands are NA-030	Clarion is NA-115
ZD9	Tristan da Cunha Islands are AF-029	Gough is AF-030
ZL9	Auckland Islands are OC-074	Campbell Island is OC-037

This may now be sufficient to get started. If not, or if you want to submit a large initial claim, you will need to start looking more closely at your cards. In recent years more and more island stations have included the IOTA reference number on their QSLs. Be on the lookout for these cards – they will make your task easier as well as your Checkpoint's. A word of caution though, some reference numbers have changed, so check the Directory to ensure that the island name on the card is shown as qualifying for that group.

You can save yourself some time by accessing the powerful search machine on the DX Summit web-site on Internet at <http://www.dxsummit.fi/>. It provides a listing of Cluster spots for each year back to 2001. Enter either a known call-sign or an IOTA number and it will list all spots that match. This is a particularly useful aid for checking on operation dates. If you run a computerised log, easier still – just check it to see if you worked the station and have the QSL-received flag shown. The saving in time should be significant.

If your QSL cards are in alphabetical order, you should get full benefit from the guidance above to prepare your initial application. In the longer term, as your score climbs, you will probably find it necessary to review the more island-rich countries like Indonesia, the Philippines, USA and Canada. Here a good atlas will be an essential tool. Then, if there are a few rare ones missing, don't forget that the IOTA Programme gives credit to activators. Pack the bags and head off on an expedition

One final request, in selecting your QSLs for submission, choose only those with names, clearly printed, of islands shown in this Directory as qualifying. Please do not send cards without island names or with unlisted island names or with ambiguous handwritten endorsements in the hope that the Checkpoint will be able to do the detective work for you! Checkpoints do a tremendous job, so please help them as much as you can.

Thank you and good luck!