

RSGB Awards Question and Answer Sheet:

General Award Questions:

Q. *How much do awards cost?*

All our awards cost the same no matter which you award you apply for. The price will depend on which format you wish to receive; PDF, Paper or both. All awards can be purchased in the RSGB shop at <https://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Awards.html> on receipt of your award confirmation email.

Q. *What payment methods are available for awards?*

The RSGB have a cashless system for awards, with all payments going through the RSGB Shop. You can pay for your award with a major credit or debit card, excluding some European ones such as Discover or by post using a cheque or postal order with a crossed payment method made out to the Radio Society of Great Britain. We do not accept Paypal.

Q. *How many awards can I apply for?*

Many Awards have different levels of achievement. You can apply for as many of them as you wish. Each time you apply you will receive a new award for the specific level you claimed for.

Q. *Can I apply for an award if I have QSO's using more than one callsign?*

There are many reasons a person may have more than one licence, moving through the licensing system, a change of address etc. In these instances, you may apply with more than one, but only your current callsign will be listed on the award at the time you apply.

Q. *Will my callsign appear on the Certificate?*

Yes, your certificate will show your name and callsign.

Q. *I'm not sure what bands or modes I can use for an award?*

All awards have their own criteria's. If you are only allowed a certain band or mode the application form will specify this, otherwise all bands and the majority of modes may be used.

*Current modes not accepted are WSPR, Echolink (only used for the Foundation award in certain circumstances)

Q. *How can I get my QSL cards checked?*

There are a number of options.

1. Members of the RSGB Regional Teams can check your cards. A card checking service will also be available at certain annual events throughout the year. Contact the Awards Manager for more information
2. Snail Mail. A return stamp addressed envelope MUST be included
3. Scan and email to the Awards Manager at awards@rsgb.org.uk

Foundation Award:

Q. *Can I use Echolink to make contacts on 2m?*

If you are accessing an Echolink repeater which is using an FM element (your transmitting and receiving from your radio) then contacts made this way will be accepted.

Q. *Can I use digital modes for the Foundation Award?*

Q. *Can I use FT8 for the Foundation Award?*

No. As this is a progressive award through the Licensing structure digital modes have been included in the Intermediate Award. For the foundation FM is encouraged in its place.