

South African DXCC Members: First past the Post

This list is an attempt to recognise firsts by South African stations in the ARRL's DXCC programme. The information was manually extracted from *QST* magazines (1947 to 1996) and *DXCC Yearbooks* (1993 to 2014) and online listings (2005--). More complete lists can be found on zs6ez.org.za/lists. © 2012 to 2024 Chris R. Burger ZS6EZ

Basic and Mode DXCCs

First in South Africa

DXCC	Endorsement Level									Honour Roll	
	100	200	250	300	320	340	350	360	370	Entry	Top
Mixed	+ZS2X 1947	+ZS2X 1951	+ZS6BW 1957	+ZS6LW 1966	+ZS6LW 1969	+ZS6LW 1978	+ZS6LW 1979	+ZS6LW 1990	+ZS6LW 1995	+ZS6BW 1960	+ZS6LW 1980
	+ZS6DW 1948	+ZS6BW 1952	+ZS1RM 1962	+ZS6YQ 1968	+ZS6YQ 1970	+ZS6RM 1979	+ZS6RM 1981	+ZS6YQ 1996	+ZS6YQ 2001	+ZS6LW 1972	ZS6EZ 2002
	+ZS2AG 1948	+ZS6DW 1955	+ZS1OU 1962	+ZS2RM 1972	+ZS6RM 1978	+ZS6YQ 1979	+ZS6YQ 1991	+ZS1AU 2018		+ZS6YQ 1972	ZS4TX 2005
Phone	+ZS6FU 1949	+ZS6BW 1953	+ZS6BW 1957	+ZS5JM 1964	+ZS5JM 1968	+ZS6LW 1978	+ZS6LW 1979	+ZS6LW 1991	+ZS6YQ 2001	+ZS6BW 1960	+ZS6LW 1980
	+ZS6Q 1950	+ZS6Q 1955	+ZS5JM 1962	+ZS6Q 1965	+ZS6LW 1969	+ZS6RM 1980	+ZS6JM 1981	+ZS6YQ 1996		+ZS6LW 1972	ZS6P 2009
	+ZS1DO 1950	+ZS6DW 1955	+ZS6Q 1962	+ZS5UR 1966	+ZS6YQ 1972	+ZS6YQ 1980	+ZS6RM 1988	+ZS1AU 2022		+ZS6YQ 1973	ZS6EZ 2012
CW	+ZS3BT 1980	+ZS6BSZ 1984	+ZS6BSZ 1990	ZS6EZ 1995	ZS6EZ 1999	ZS6EZ 2009				ZS6EZ 2002	
	+ZS6ANL 1981	+ZS2RM 1987	ZS6EZ 1991	+ZS6KR 2000	+ZS6KR 2003	ZS4TX 2011				ZS4TX 2010	
	ZS2U 1984	ZS6BCR 1989	ZS2U 1994	ZS4TX 2003	ZS4TX <2007	+ZS6KR 2011				+ZS6KR 2011	
Digital	ZS6EZ 1996	ZS2EZ 2011	ZS2EZ 2011	ZS2EZ 2016	ZS1LS 2023						
	+ZS6RVG 2000	ZS2DL 2011	ZS6EZ 2014	ZS1LS 2017							
	ZS2DL 2008	ZS6EZ 2012	ZS1LS 2014	ZS2DL 2023							
Satellite	ZS2ACP 1995									No Honour Roll	
	ZS1LS 2021										
	ZS4TX 2022										

First by Call Area

DXCC	Call Area											
	ZS1	ZS2	ZS3 (SWA)	ZS3 (NC)	ZS4	ZS5	ZS6	ZS7 (3DA)	ZS8 (7P)	ZS8 (MI)	ZS9 (A2)	ZS9 (Walvis)
Mixed	+ZS1FD 1950	+ZS2X 1947	+ZS3K 1951	+ZS3D 2011	+ZS4AK 1956	+ZS5BS 1949	+ZS6DW 1948	+ZS7C 1951	+ZS8I 1959	ZS2MI 1981		+ZS9/W6KG 1991
	+ZS1FR 1952	+ZS2AG 1948	+ZS3S 1953	ZS3VIC 2017	+ZS4FP 1956	+ZS5U 1949	+ZS6EU 1948	+ZS7M 1961		ZS8IR 2013		
	+ZS1BM 1953	+ZS2AT 1950	+ZS3BC 1958	ZS3SH 2018	ZS4MG 1958	+ZS5CU 1949	+ZS6CZ 1949	+ZS7R 1963				
Mixed HR	ZS1FJ 2003	ZS2DL 2016			ZS4MG 1980	+ZS5NK 1994	+ZS6BW 1960					
Mixed THR	+ZS1AU 2014				ZS4TX 2005		+ZS6LW 1980					
Phone	+ZS1DO 1950	+ZS2IW 1950	+ZS3G 1951	+ZS3D 2011	+ZS4UP 1960	+ZS5CU 1950	+ZS6FU 1949	+ZS7P 1972	+ZS8I 1959	ZS2MI 1981	+ZS9L 1969	
	+ZS1GG 1951	+ZS2AT 1955	+ZS3AB 1957	ZS3VIC 2017	ZS4MG 1962	+ZS5GU 1950	+ZS6Q 1950		+ZS8L 1970			
	+ZS1KW 1952	+ZS2HX 1960	+ZS3E 1962		+ZS4LX 1962	+ZS5G 1951	+ZS6BW 1950					
Phone HR	ZS1FJ 2003				ZS4TX 2012	+ZS5NK 1994	+ZS6BW 1954					
Phone THR	+ZS1AU 2014				ZS4TX 2013		+ZS6LW 1980					
CW	ZS1AFZ 1995	ZS2U 1984	+ZS3BT 1980		ZS4TX 1990	ZS5XT 2015	+ZS6ANL 1981					
	ZS1AN 2003	+ZS2WV 1985	V51YJ 2010		ZS4JAN 2018		+ZS6BSZ 1984					
	ZS1REC 2011	+ZS2RM 1987	V51B 2014				ZS6BCR 1984					
CW HR					ZS4TX 2010		ZS6EZ 2002					
CW THR												
Digital	ZS1LS 2012	ZS2DL 2008	V51B 2014		ZS4TX 2013	ZS5LEE 2016	ZS6EZ 1996					
	ZS1A 2013	ZS2EZ 2008			ZS4JAN 2018		+ZS6RVG 2000					
	ZS1XG 2018	ZS2Y 2009					+ZS6GRL 2011					
Satellite	ZS1LS 2021	ZS2ACP 1995			ZS4TX 2022							
		ZS2BK 2023										

HR=Honour Roll (needing less than 10 entities confirmed) THR = Top of the Honour Roll (having all entities confirmed)

Single-Band DXCCs

Single-band DXCCs were adopted in stages, starting with 1,8 MHz around 1975 and ending with 10 MHz in 2002. 5BDXCC was announced in 1968, with the first certificate issued in 1969. For the moment, there is no DXCC credit for contacts on 5 MHz.

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DXCC	Endorsement Level										
	100	200	250	280	300	310	320	330	340	350	
1,8 MHz	+ZS5LB 1987 ZS6EZ 1997 ZS4TX 1997	ZS4TX 2016									
3,5 MHz	ZS6BCR 1988 +ZS6KR 1996 ZS6WB 1996	ZS6EZ 1999 ZS4TX 2000 +ZS6KR 2015	ZS4TX 2011 ZS6EZ 2013 ZS1LS 2023	ZS4TX 2016	ZS4TX 2018						
7 MHz	ZS6BCR 1989 ZS6P 1995 +ZS6KR 1996	ZS6EZ 1993 ZS6P 1999 ZS4TX 2000	ZS6EZ 1997 ZS4TX 2003 +ZS6KR 2009	ZS6EZ 2000 ZS4TX 2007 +ZS6KR 2012	ZS4TX 2010 ZS6EZ 2011	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS4TX 2012	ZS4TX 2012 ZS6EZ 2015	ZS4TX 2013	ZS4TX 2014		
10 MHz	ZS6EZ 2002 ZS1EL 2006 ZS2DL 2009	ZS6EZ 2008 ZS2DL 2012 ZS6WB 2013	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS2DL 2014 ZS6WB 2014	ZS6EZ 2013 ZS6WB 2016 ZS2DL 2018	ZS6EZ 2015 ZS1LS 2023 ZS4TX 2024	ZS6EZ 2016					
14 MHz	ZS6EZ 2000 ZS6IR 2001 ZS4TX 2003	ZS6EZ 2000 ZS6IR 2001 ZS4TX 2003	ZS6EZ 2000 ZS6IR 2001 ZS4TX 2007	ZS6EZ 2000 +ZS6KR 2009 ZS4TX 2010	ZS6EZ 2001 +ZS6KR 2011 +ZS1AU 2011	ZS6EZ 2005 +ZS1AU 2011 +ZS6KR 2012	ZS6EZ 2011 +ZS1AU 2012 ZS4TX 2014	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS4TX 2016 +ZS6KR 2017	ZS6EZ 2015 ZS4TX 2024		
18 MHz	ZS6EZ 2001 ZS6IR 2001 ZS1EL 2008	ZS6EZ 2001 ZS2DL 2011 ZS6NJ 2012	ZS6EZ 2011 ZS2DL 2012 ZS6NJ 2013	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS2DL 2014 ZS2EZ 2015	ZS6EZ 2013 ZS2EZ 2016 ZS1LS 2017	ZS6EZ 2014 ZS1LS 2021	ZS6EZ 2018				
21 MHz	+ZS6KR 2000 ZS6EZ 2000 ZS6IR 2001	ZS6EZ 2000 +ZS6KR 2002 ZS6IR 2002	ZS6EZ 2000 +ZS6KR 2002 ZS6IR 2002	ZS6EZ 2000 +ZS6KR 2007 ZS4TX 2010	ZS6EZ 2001 +ZS6KR 2011 ZS4TX 2013	ZS6EZ 2004 ZS4TX 2013 +ZS6KR 2014	ZS6EZ 2011 ZS4TX 2015 +ZS6KR 2016	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS4TX 2016	ZS6EZ 2014 ZS4TX 2024		
25 MHz	ZS6IR 2001 ZS6EZ 2002 ZS2DL 2010	ZS6EZ 2003 ZS2DL 2012 ZS6NJ 2012	ZS6EZ 2011 ZS6NJ 2014 ZS2DL 2014	ZS6EZ 2013 ZS2EZ 2015 ZS1LS 2015	ZS6EZ 2014 ZS1LS 2023	ZS6EZ 2016					
28 MHz	ZS6BCR 1988 ZS6P 1989 ZS4TX 1990	ZS6EZ 1993 ZS6P 1995 ZS6WB 1999	ZS6EZ 1995 ZS6P 2001 ZS6WB 2010	ZS6EZ 2001 ZS6P 2013 ZS4TX 2013	ZS6EZ 2011 ZS4TX 2015 ZS6WB 2016	ZS6EZ 2012 ZS4TX 2024	ZS6EZ 2013	ZS6EZ 2018			
50 MHz	ZS6WB 1998 +ZS6AXT 1999 ZS6EZ 2001										
144 MHz	ZS6OB 2013 ZS1LS 2017 ZS4TX 2018										
430 MHz	No ZS										

Shaded cells indicate recent changes (last three calendar years).

First by Call Area

DXCC	Call Area															
	ZS1		ZS2		ZS3		ZS4		ZS5		ZS6		ZS7 (Ant)		ZS8 (MI)	
1,8 MHz	ZS1REC	2011	ZS2DL	2023			ZS4TX	1997	+ZS5LB	1987	ZS6EZ	1997				
3,5 MHz	ZS1A	2014	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	2000	ZS5LEE	2018	ZS6BCR	1988				
7 MHz	ZS1EL	2008	ZS2DL	2008			ZS4TX	2000	ZS5LEE	2017	ZS6BCR	1989				
10 MHz	ZS1EL	2006	ZS2DL	2009			ZS4TX	2012	ZS5LEE	2017	ZS6EZ	2002				
14 MHz	ZS1EL	2006	ZS2DL	2006			ZS4TX	2003	ZS5LEE	2017	ZS6EZ	2000				
18 MHz	ZS1EL	2008	ZS2DL	2009			ZS4TX	2012	ZS5LEE	2017	ZS6EZ	2001				
21 MHz	ZS1EL	2006	ZS2DL	2006			ZS4TX	2003	ZS5LEE	2017	+ZS6KR	2000				
25 MHz	ZS1EL	2011	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	2012	ZS5LEE	2018	ZS6IR	2001				
28 MHz	ZS1EL	2006	ZS2DL	2006			ZS4TX	1990	ZS5LEE	2017	ZS6EZ	1988				
50 MHz							ZS4TX	2019			ZS6WB	1998				
144 MHz	ZS1LS	2017					ZS4TX	2018	ZS5LEE	2018	ZS6OB	2013				
430 MHz																
Chal-1000	ZS1EL	2011	ZS2DL	2009			ZS4TX	2001	ZS5LEE	2018	ZS6EZ	2001				
Chal-1500	ZS1LS	2014	ZS2DL	2011			ZS4TX	2005			ZS6EZ	2001				
Chal-2000	ZS1LS	2015	ZS2DL	2014			ZS4TX	2013			ZS6EZ	2002				
Chal-2500	ZS1LS	2020					ZS4TX	2016			ZS6EZ	2012				
Chal-3000																
5BDXCC	ZS1A	2014	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	1992	+ZS5LB	1972	ZS6BCR	1986				
6BDXCC	ZS1A	2014	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	1997	+ZS5LB	1987	ZS6EZ	1997				
7BDXCC	ZS1A	2014	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	2012	+ZS5LB	2001	ZS6EZ	1999				
8BDXCC	ZS1LS	2014	ZS2DL	2010			ZS4TX	2012	+ZS5LB	2001	ZS6EZ	2000				
9BDXCC	ZS1LS	2017	ZS2DL	2023			ZS4TX	2012	ZS5LEE	2018	ZS6EZ	2001				
10BDXCC	ZS1LS	2019					ZS4TX	2015			ZS6EZ	2002				
11BDXCC							ZS4TX	2018								

Note: ZS4TX achieved DXCC on 50 MHz in 2015 as ZS4TX/6. He achieved DXCC from his ZS4 location in 2019.

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Callsign Lookup

ZS1AN is now ZS5U (since 2017)

ZS1REC is now ZS1C (since 2015)

ZS2MI was a Marion Island club station. Operators unknown.

ZS4MG is now ZS6CM (inactive in Pretoria)

ZS5LEE is now M0LHH (since approx. 2021)

ZS6BCR is now ZS6EZ (since 1992)

ZS6BSZ is now ZS6KR (since ca. 1992). Silent Key 2023-08-05

ZS6GRL is now ZS6C (since ca. 2014). Silent Key 2020-08

ZS6P is now ZS1J (since 2017)

ZS8IR is now ZS6RI (since 1993)