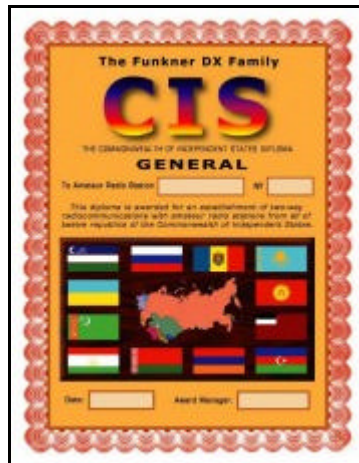


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On 8 December 1991 in Minsk, the residence of the Belarusian Government in Belovezhskaya forest preserve, the leaders of the Republic of Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine have signed the Agreement on establishment of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). On 21 December 1991 in Alma-Ata the heads of eleven sovereign states (except the Baltic states) have signed the Protocol to the above Agreement, in which they stressed that the Azerbaijani Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine on equality basis established the Commonwealth of Independent States. The participants of the meeting have unanimously adopted the Alma-Ata Declaration, which confirmed the devotion of the former union republics to cooperation in various fields of external and internal policies, and announced the guarantees for implementation of international commitments of the former Soviet Union. Later, in December 1993 the Commonwealth was joined by Republic of Georgia. Thus, at present the CIS comprises 12 young sovereign states - former soviet republics.

The Commonwealth of Independent States Diploma may be claimed by any licensed radio amateur eligible under these rules who can produce evidence of having contacted, since the date specified in the list, amateur radio stations in all 12 countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States: 4K - Azerbaijan (21.12.1991), 4L - Georgia (01.12.1993), EK - Armenia (21.12.1991), ER - Moldova (21.12.1991), EU - Belarus (08.12.1991), EX - Kyrgyzstan (21.12.1991), EY - Tajikistan (21.12.1991), EZ - Turkmenistan (21.12.1991), UA - Russia (08.12.1991), UK - Uzbekistan (21.12.1991), UN - Kazakhstan (21.12.1991) and UR - Ukraine (08.12.1991). Where, very occasionally, a contact is made with a station using a callsign legitimately outside the geographical area to which the prefix normally applies, it will count for the actual area from which the operation takes place. The evidence submitted will need to be clear.

All claims must be submitted in a form acceptable to the CIS Diploma Manager. Each claim must include the following signed declaration: «I declare that all the contacts were made by me personally from the same DXCC country and in accordance with the terms of my radio transmitting licence, and that none of the QSL-cards have been amended in any way since receipt. I accept that a breach of these rules may result in disqualification from the award programme. I further accept that the decision of the SRARS Award Committee shall be final in all cases of dispute». A statement from the applicant's national society or local radio club that the necessary QSL-cards have been checked will be accepted except that the CIS Diploma Manager reserves the right to ask to see some or all of the QSL-cards. Each claim must be accompanied by a fee of 5.00 GBP or US\$10 per certificate.

All contacts must be made by the holder of the callsign. Contacts may be made from any location in the same DXCC country. Credit will be given for contacts made on any of the amateur bands below 30 MHz. Contacts with land mobile stations will be accepted, provided the location at the time of contact is clearly stated on the QSL-card. Credit will be given for two way contacts on the same mode and band, i.e. not cross-mode or cross-band.

The submission for credit of any altered or forged confirmations or, equally, bad behaviour on or off the air which is judged by the SRARS Award Committee to bring a particular programme into disrepute may result in disqualification of the applicant from the CIS Diploma Programme. The decision of the SRARS Award Committee on this and other matters of dispute will be final. Applications and enquiries should be sent to the CIS Diploma Manager by e-mail srars@srars.org or at the address: Scottish-Russian ARS, P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, U.K.

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