



# WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA

## VHF-UHF DISTANCE RECORD CLAIMS: CONDITIONS

These conditions apply to all claims received from 1 November 2008.

Please read carefully before filling in the claim form.

### 1. RECORD CATEGORIES:

Awards for national records are made in five categories: Home/Portable; EME; Mobile; ATV; Digital Modes. Home/Portable records are also awarded for each Australian call area. On the 6 metre band, Home/Portable records may be claimed for both short path and long path contacts.

### 2. DEFINITIONS:

The Digital Modes category includes all contacts using modes in which the modulation consists of digital or digitised data. Until international consensus is reached on the definition of a valid digital contact, claims for EME contacts using digital modes will not be accepted. The ATV category applies to fast-scan signals using bandwidths comparable to broadcast television standards. A station is mobile if its equipment, including power source and antenna, is installed in a vehicle and the station is capable of full operation while the vehicle is being driven. Contacts that fall within the above definitions may be claimed only in the relevant category, otherwise the Home/Portable category applies.

### 3. VALID CONTACTS:

A contact is valid only if both stations exchange each other's callsigns and at least two characters of data that cannot be predicted (e.g. signal reports or serial numbers). This exchange must be completed and acknowledged correctly, and in full, on the band for which the claim is made. The contact must be fully completed within a single uninterrupted period of operation. Split frequency contacts are valid, but crossband contacts are not. Cross-mode contacts are valid only in the Home/Portable, EME or Mobile categories. Contact must be made directly between the two stations without the aid of active repeaters or translators. If the signals from either station passed at any time through an active repeater, translator, or linked network, the claimant must provide proof that the signals heard were those emitted directly by the originating station. Claims for Mobile records are valid if either or both of the stations were mobile.

### 4. CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CLAIMS:

Record claims are accepted only from individuals and must be made on the attached form. The operators of both stations must be, at the time of the contact, holders of current amateur licences issued in their names, and operating their own stations in full compliance with the conditions of their licences. Claimants must sign a declaration that to the best of their knowledge, the information supplied in support of their claim is true and correct, and that they agree to accept the WIA's ruling on their claim as final.

## **5. DETAILS OF STATION LOCATION:**

Claimants must provide precise details of the locations of both stations in degrees, minutes, and seconds. Australian Map Grid (AMG) co-ordinates cannot be accepted. For distances over 1000 km ONLY, either or both of the station co-ordinates may be provided in the form of six-digit Maidenhead locators. However calculations based on locators have a margin of error of up to 4.5 km (9 km if locators are used for both stations). This margin of error will be subtracted from the calculated distance and credit given only for the shortest possible distance between the two stations. It is therefore recommended that applicants should provide the precise coordinates of both stations to ensure that they receive full credit for the actual distance worked.

## **6. EVIDENCE TO ACCOMPANY CLAIMS:**

Record claims may be accepted from either or both of the claimants. If claims are received from both claimants, QSL cards are not required. If the claim is made by only one of the two parties to the contact, it must be accompanied by original QSL cards or certified copies. The certification must take the form of a signed and dated declaration as follows: "I declare that I have sighted the original document and affirm that this is a true copy." Copies may be certified by two licensed amateurs other than the applicants, or by an individual who is legally authorised to witness signatures or certify documents. Claimants for long path records must provide evidence that the contact was made by long path. Such evidence could include a log extract listing other stations heard or worked at the time of the claimed contact.

## **7. RETURN OF CLAIM MATERIALS:**

All original QSL cards will be returned to the claimants. Claim forms and other material will be retained by the WIA. While all reasonable care will be taken, the WIA cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to QSL cards, maps etc in the mail.

## **8. COST OF PROCESSING CLAIMS:**

Record certificates are mailed at no charge to WIA members, and to amateurs resident outside Australia. Non-WIA members resident in Australia are invited to contribute to the cost of printing and postage by enclosing a cheque for \$5.00, payable to the WIA.

## **9. ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS:**

Please post enquiries and claims to: The Chairman, WIA Technical Advisory Committee, P.O.Box 2042, Bayswater, Vic, 3153.

Email enquiries can be sent to [distancerecords@wia.org.au](mailto:distancerecords@wia.org.au)

**WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA: CLAIM FOR VHF/UHF DISTANCE RECORD**

CATEGORY: (Home/Portable, EME, Mobile, ATV, Digital Modes)  
DIVISION: (National, or specify call area)  
PATH: Short or Long Path (6 metres only)  
CONTACT: Date Time (UTC)

**DETAILS OF STATION 1:**

Callsign  
Location  
Latitude  
Longitude  
OR 6 digit Maidenhead locator  
Frequency  
Mode  
Operator's Name  
Postal Address  
Email address

**DETAILS OF STATION 2:**

Callsign  
Location  
Latitude  
Longitude  
OR 6 digit Maidenhead locator  
Frequency  
Mode  
Operator's Name  
Postal Address  
Email address

**DETAILS OF OTHER MATERIAL ENCLOSED:**

(QSL cards or certified copies, maps, details of station equipment etc):

**DECLARATION:**

I hereby claim a new VHF-UHF Record for the contact described above. I declare that:

- (a) To the best of my knowledge, the details given above are true and correct.
- (b) At the time of the contact I was operating my station in accordance with all relevant licence conditions and regulations.
- (c) I have read the WIA's record claim conditions, and agree to accept the WIA's ruling on this claim as final.

Signed:

Date