

New England Counties Award

New England Counties Award (NECA), sponsored by hamlog.online internet platform, is issued for confirmed two-way radio contacts with specified numbers of New England counties on various bands and modes under rules and conditions hereafter stated.

A. Award Classes

The New England Counties Award is issued in six different classes:

Class	Number of band/mode slots	Format
Bronze	100	On-line PDF
Silver	200	On-line PDF
Gold	300	On-line PDF or paper
Platinum	500	Paper or Plaque
Diamond	700	Paper or Plaque
Millennium	1000	Paper or Trophy

B. Conditions

1. NECA is available to all licensed amateurs everywhere in the world and is issued to them as individuals for all county contacts made, regardless of calls held, operating QTHs, or dates. All QSO made after July 4, 1776 are accepted.
2. Each slot represents combination of HF/VHF band and mode (CW, Phone and Digital). All voice modes (CW, AM, FM, DMR) count as Phone, and all Digital modes (RTTY, Amtor, Olivia, FT4, FT8, etc.) count as one.
3. All QSO must be confirmed electronically by matching QSO data from both stations. Electronic confirmations are acceptable either on hamlog.online or on ARRL Logbook of the World. In any case, applicant should have all applicable QSO uploaded to hamlog.online database. To add LotW confirmations, applicant should download LotW QSL data to his/her hamlog.online account.

C. County Identity

County of New England station is determined based on the data, uploaded by that station to hamlog.online or LotW.

All QSO confirmed on hamlog.online use state/county data for each QSO logged or uploaded, or in case the upload files do not contain state/county data and QTH-locators, home QTH of the station will be used.

Hamlog.online allows to enter up to four counties per each QTH, so operators of mobile/portable stations, operating on the borders of multiple counties are encouraged to use that facility.

For LotW confirmations, LotW QSL data is used. If no State/county information is available, but 6-digit QTH locator is, then State/county will be determined automatically based on that QTH locator. If no QTH information is available in LotW data, QTH information will be retrieved from FCC home QTH information for each New England station.

D. Application

1. Applications for NECA should be made online on hamlog.online web site. To apply, an operator must have free hamlog.online account.
2. Each award issued has a unique serial number, which is assigned at the moment of application.
3. PDF files with the image of Bronze, Silver or Gold awards can be downloaded immediately free of charge.
4. Paper certificates for Gold, Platinum, Diamond and Millennium awards can be ordered directly at hamlog.online web site
5. Cost of paper certificates shipped within the US is \$8.00, and shipped outside of the US is \$15.00
6. Cost of Platinum and Diamond Plaques is \$50 shipped in the US, and \$75 shipped outside the US
7. Cost of the Millennium Trophy is \$80 shipped within the US, and \$110 shipped outside the US.