

CW Abbreviations

73	best regards	MSG	message
88	love and kisses	NR	number
ABT	about	NW	now
AGN	again	OM	old man
ANT	antenna	OP	operator
BK	break	R	are, received, roger
CPY	copy	RCVR	receiver
CQ	general call to any station	RIG	equipment
CUL	see you later	RST	readability, strength, tone report
CU	see you	SIGS	signal
DE	from	STN	station
DX	distance, rare station	TEMP	temperature
ES	and	TKS	thanks
FB	fine business	TNX	thanks
FER	for	UR	you are
FRE	frequency	U	you
Q			
GA	good afternoon, go ahead	WL	well
GE	good evening	WT	watt
GM	good morning	WX	weather
HR	here	XCVR	transceiver
HW	how	XMTR	transmitter
K	go ahead	XYL	wife

Many of the following Q-codes can be suffixed with a '?' to turn them into a question. I.e. sending QRL? means "is this frequency busy" and QTH? means "what is your location"...

Meaning of Q Signals

QRA	The name of my station is	QSB	You signal is fading
QRL	I am busy..Do not interfere	QSD	Your keying is defective
QRM	I am being interfered with	QSK	I can hear you between my signals
QRN	Conditions are bad	QSL	I am acknowledging receipt
QRO	Increase power	QSU	Reply on this freq or class
QRP	Decrease power	QSX	I am listening to ... on...kHz
QRQ	Send faster	QSY	Change freq, change to xmit onkHz
QRR	I am ready for automatic operation	QTH	My location (home) is
QRS	Send more slowly	QTR	The correct time is
QRT	Stop sending	QTS	I will send so my freq can be measured
QRU	I have nothing for you	QUB	Here is the info you requested
QRX	I will call again at....., wait	QUM	The distress traffic has ended
QRZ?	Who is calling me		

Abbreviations used during a CW net

The QN signals (q-codes) are special ARRL signals for use in amateur cw nets only. They are not for use in casual amateur conversation. Other meanings that may be used in other services do not apply. Do not use QN signals on phone nets. Say it with words. QN signals need not be followed by a question mark, even though the meaning may be interrogatory

ARRL QN Signals For CW Net Use

QNA* Answer in prearranged order.

QNB* Act as relay Between ___ and ___

QNC All net stations Copy. I have a message for all net stations.

QND* Net is Directed (controlled by net control station).

QNE* Entire net stand by.

QNF Net is Free (not controlled).

QNG Take over as net control station.

QNH Your net frequency is High.

QNI Net stations report In.*. I am reporting into the net. (Follow with a list or traffic or QRU).

QNJ Can you copy me? Can you copy ___?

QNK* Transmit message for ___ to ___

QNL Your net frequency is Low.

QNM* You are QRMing the net. Stand by.

QNN Net control station is ___ What station has net control?

QNO Station is leaving the net.

QNP Unable to copy you. Unable to copy ___

QNQ* Move frequency to ___ and wait for ___ to finish handling traffic. Then send him traffic for ___

QNR Answer ___ and Receive traffic.

QNS* Following Stations are in the net. *(Follow with list.)

Request list of stations in the net.

QNT I request permission to leave the net for ___ minutes.

QNU* The net has traffic for you. Stand by.

QNV* Establish contact with ___ on this frequency. If successful, move to ___ and send him traffic for ___

QNW How do I route messages for ___?

QNX You are excused from the net.* Request to be excused from the net.

QNY* Shift to another frequency (or to ___ kHz) to clear traffic with ___

QNZ Zero beat your signal with mine.

* For use only by the Net Control Station.