

The Twenty Most Common "Q" Signals

Station Status		
QRL	DDdD-dDd-dDdd	"Is the FREQUENCY IN USE? " <i>Always check before transmitting!</i>
QRT	DDdD-dDd-D	Going OFF THE AIR ; not just end of contact; shutting down
QRV	DDdD-dDd-dddD	Going ON THE AIR , ready.
QRX	DDdD-dDd-DddD	WAIT (often followed by # min). Longer than <AS>
QRZ	DDdD-dDd-DDdd	" WHO IS CALLING? "
QST	DDdD-ddd-D	An ANNOUNCEMENT of general interest to hams
QTH	DDdD-D-dddd	My LOCATION is "x" or "What is your location?"
QSO Session Status		
QSK	DDdD-ddd-DdD	Full BREAK-IN capability during contact
QRU	DDdD-dDd-ddD	Do you have MORE TO SAY?
QSL	DDdD-ddd-dDdd	" CONFIRM a statement or contact (as in "a QSL Card").
QSO	DDdD-ddd-DDD	A 2-WAY CONTACT with exchange of calls etc.
Band Conditions		
QSB	DDdD-ddd-Dddd	Signal FADE - (often "up and down") during contact
QRM	DDdD-dDd-DD	MAN-MADE INTERFERENCE , from other stations or electronic devices
QRN	DDdD-dDd-Dd	Atmospheric STATIC and Noise
Operator and Station Adjustments		
QSY	DDdD-ddd-DdDD	CHANGE FREQUENCY or Changing frequency to "n"
QRG	DDdD-dDd-DDd	What's MY FREQUENCY?
QRO	DDdD-dDd-DDD	HIGH POWER QRO? - Shall I increase power?
QRP	DDdD-dDd-dDDd	LOW POWER Decreasing power. Shall I decrease power?
QRQ	DDdD-dDd-DDdD	Send FASTER
QRS	DDdD-dDd-ddd	Send SLOWER

** These are called "Cut Numbers" (1234567890 = AUV4E6BDNT). "T" and "N" are common.