

Diploma Vasco da Gama

REP – Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (CT1REP), with the support of the “Comissão Nacional para as Comemorações dos Descobrimentos” , sponsors this Diploma which is to celebrate the Portuguese Discoveries during the XV century and specially the Discovery of the sea route to India by the Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama.

This will be a permanent Diploma and all SSB , CW or RTTY, HF contacts (on the authorised amateur bands) on the different amateur regions will count , starting on 15th November 1945.

Licensed Radio Amateur and SWLs world wide are invited to participate.

To qualify for the Diploma participants must have at least 25 points but with contacts with one station in Portugal continental (CT) and another in India (VU) .

Diplomas can be requested on one of the three modes – SSB , CW or MIXED , and there will be 5 different classes and 5 different stamps as follows :

Class	I	75 points	Golden Sextant
Class	II	100 points	Golden Compass
Class	III	125 points	Golden Anchor
Class	IV	150 points	Golden Astrolabe
Class	V	200 points	Golden Caravel

There is also a Honour Roll for those with 250 points or more . The participants of this Honour Roll can request the correspondent Trophy which is a nice filigree miniature of XVI Century Portuguese “Caravela” .

List of stations awarded with the different classes of the Diploma will be published in Portuguese Ham magazines and bulletins as well as any foreign magazines who wish to publish them .

Logs can be certified either by photostat of QSL’s or by a GCR list (General Certification Rule) , certified by two different Amateurs or by a certified amateur Radio Association . Should any doubt arise QSL’s can be requested.

The Diploma will be awarded free of charge to members of REP (Rede dos Emissores Portugueses) , and will cost € 4,99 for non members residing in Portugal . For Europe the cost will be US\$ 8.00 or 12 IRCs and US\$ 10.00 or 15 IRCs for the rest of the World .

Certification stamps for each class are send free of charge, providing a list of the contacts, certified in the same way as the original log is send together with self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) or a self addressed envelope (SAE) and 2 IRCs .

For the Honour Roll trophy the cost will be US\$ 30.00 or equivalent for Portugal or Europe and US\$ 40.00 for the rest of the World .

All request to :

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List of Valid Countries for Vasco da Gama Diploma

Prefix	Countries	Points
CT	Portugal	3
CU	Azores	4
CT3	Madeira	4
CN	Morocco	4
EA8	Canary Isl.	4
S0	W. Sahara	8
5T	Mauritania	5
D4	Cape Verde	6
6W	Senegal	5
C5	The Gambia	5
J5	Guinea-Bissau	6
3X	Guinea	5
9L	Sierra Leone	5
EL	Liberia	4
TU	Ivory Coast	5
9G	Ghana	5
5V	Togo	5
TY	Benin	5
5N	Nigeria	4
TJ	Cameroon	5
3C	Equatorial Guinea	8
S9	S. Tome & Principe	6
3C0	Anobon (Pagalu Isl.)	10
TR	Gabon	5
TN	Congo	8
9Q	Zaire	8
D2	Angola	6
ZD7	St. Helena	5
ZD8	Ascension Isl.	5
V5	Namibia	5
ZS	South Africa	4
C9	Mozambique	6
FR/J	Juan de Nova , Europe	10
5R	Madagascar	8
FH	Mayotte	5
D6	Comoros	8
5H	Tanzania	5
5Z	Kenya	5
T5	Somalia	8
7O	Yemen	10
A4	Oman	5
EP	Iran	8
AP	Pakistan	5
VU7	Laccadive Isl.	10
VU	India	5

Total de Pontos : 265