QSL: Direct vs Bureau
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Direct
You send each card directly to the operator.

Postcard Postage ($.53)
$5.30 – postage to send 10 QSL's
$.53 per QSO Total

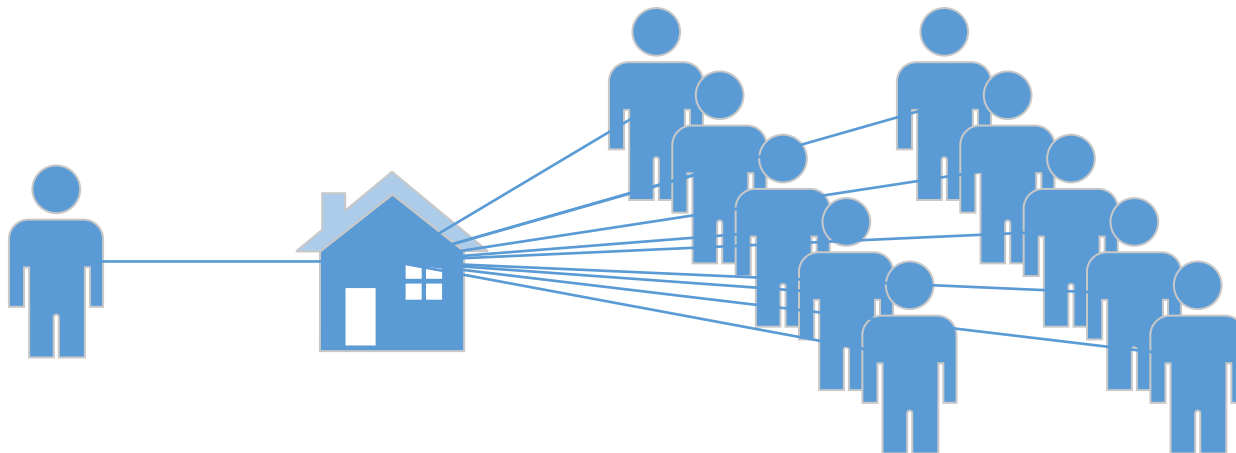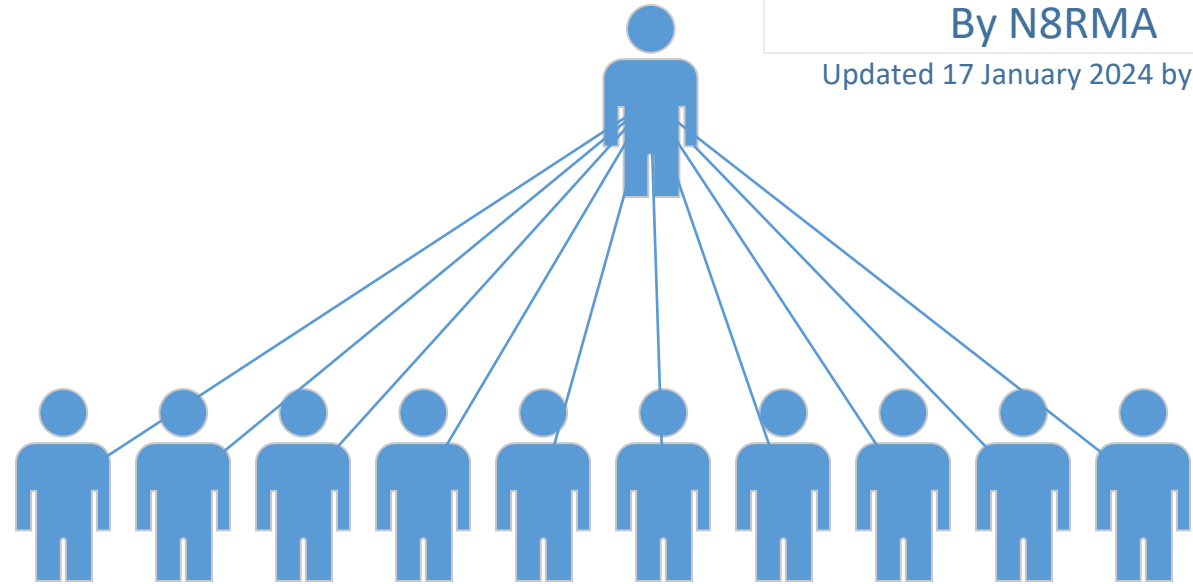**Regular Postage ($.68)**
$6.80 – postage to send 10 QSL's
$.68 – per QSO Total

Return SASE Included
$6.80 – postage to send 10 QSL's
$6.80 – postage SASE
$1.36 – per QSO Total

Bureau
You provide either SASE's or funds to the bureau, which acts as a central location to send and receive cards from.

SASE
$.68 – return SASE for cards
$.68 – postage to send SASE
$.68 – postage to send 10 QSL's
$.21 per QSO Total

Funds
$.19 – return envelope
$.68 – return postage
$.68 – postage to send 10 QSL's
$.16 per QSO Total

These are examples and the costs are only estimates to show how a bureau works. Actual costs may vary from bureau to bureau.

Updated to reflect USPS postcard and first-class one ounce envelope rate increases as of 20 January 2024.