

Backing Up and Restoring Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and Preferences

TQSL can be directed to save all of your [Callsign Certificates](#), [Station Locations](#), and [Preferences](#) in a single .tbk file. If you copy this .tbk file to a *safe place*, you'll be able to quickly recover from a computer failure by directing TQSL to restore your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and Preferences. You can configure TQSL to automatically create a backup in a specified folder when terminating.

Safe Places to Store your Callsign Certificates, Station Locations, and Preferences

An external hard drive, a thumb drive, or another computer on your home network will provide *local* backup that you can quickly access, but will not provide protection against a local catastrophe. A free "cloud storage service" like [DropBox](#) or [Google Drive](#) or [Microsoft SkyDrive](#) can provide better protection, but requires internet access for both backup and recovery. Ideally, important files should be saved both locally and in cloud storage.

Creating a Backup File

To save your [Callsign Certificates](#), [Station Locations](#), and [Preferences](#) to a Backup File,

1. Select the **File** menu's **Backup Station Locations, Certificates, and Preferences...** command.
2. In the **Enter file to save to** dialog that appears,
 - 2.a Navigate to the Folder in which you want the Backup File created.
 - 2.b Specify the **File name** of the Backup File to be created.
 - 2.c Click the **Save** button

Configuring TQSL to Automatically Create a Backup File When Terminating

To configure TQSL to automatically create a Backup File when terminating,

1. Select the **File** menu's **Display or Modify Preferences...** command (on **OS X**, select the **Application** menu's **Preferences** command).
2. In the **Preferences** dialog that appears, select the **Options** tab; on this tab,
 - 2.a Check the **Allow automatic configuration backup** box.
 - 2.b Click the **Browse** button to the right of the **Backup File Folder** textbox and

use the **Browse For Folder** dialog that appears to select the folder in which Backup Files will automatically be created when terminating.

2.c Click the **OK** button.

Restoring from a Backup File

To restore [Callsign Certificates](#), [Station Locations](#), and [Preferences](#) from a selected Backup File,

1. Select the **File** menu's **Restore Station Locations, Certificates, and Preferences...** command.
2. In the **Select saved configuration file** dialog that appears,
 - 2.a Navigate to the Folder that contains the Backup File you wish to restore.
 - 2.b Select the Backup File to be restored.
 - 2.c Click the **Open** button