

met when the corresponding mail is presented to the USPS.

2.0 RATE APPLICATION

2.1 Letters and Cards

Automation First-Class rates apply to each piece that is correctly presorted under M810 into the corresponding qualifying groups:

- a. Pieces in full carrier route trays, or in carrier route packages of 10 or more pieces each placed in 5-digit carrier routes trays, qualify for the Automation Carrier Route rate. (Preparation to qualify for the Carrier Route rate is optional and need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area.)
- b. Groups of 150 or more pieces in full or overflow 5-digit trays qualify for the Automation 5-Digit rate. (Preparation to qualify for the 5-Digit rate is optional.)
- c. Groups of 150 or more pieces in full or overflow 3-digit or 3-digit scheme trays qualify for the Automation 3-Digit rate.
- d. Pieces in full or overflow AADC trays and in all mixed AADC trays qualify for the Automation Basic rate.

2.2 Flats

Automation First-Class rates apply to each piece that is correctly presorted under M820 into the corresponding qualifying groups:

- a. Pieces in 5-digit or 3-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each qualify for the Automation 3/5 rate.
- b. Pieces in ADC or mixed ADC packages qualify for the Automation Basic rate.

E200 Periodicals

E210 Basic Standards

E211 Standards Applicable to All Periodicals Publications

[In 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 3.0, 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1, 8.2, 9.0, 11.1, and 12.0, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals." In 1.1, 4.1, 5.3, 7.4, 7.5, 10.2, and 13.1a, replace "second-class mail privileges" with "Periodicals mailing privileges." In 6.1 and 9.0, replace "First-, third-, or fourth-class rates" with "First-Class or Standard Mail rates." Revise other text as follows:]

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10.0 IDENTIFICATION

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10.4 Bound Publication

In a bound publication (one securely bound by two or more staples, spiral binding, glue, stitching, or other permanent fastening), the identification statement must be shown conspicuously as described in 10.3 or on one of the last

three editorial pages inside the back cover. If the publication is mailed with a permissible nonincidental enclosure paid with permit imprint, the identification statement must be located as specified in 10.3.

10.5 Identification Statement Content

The identification statement must contain:

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g. The imprint "Periodicals Postage Paid at . . ." or, if mailed at two or more offices, "Periodicals Postage Paid at . . . and at additional mailing offices." A notice of pending application is shown instead if copies are mailed while an application is pending: "Application to Mail at Periodicals Postage Rates is Pending at . . ."

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13.0 FEES

13.1 Fee Required

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e. Publications Service.

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14.0 BASIC RATE ELIGIBILITY

14.1 Regular Rates

Regular rates apply to all copies of an authorized Periodicals publication mailed by a publisher or news agent, except nonrequester and nonsubscriber copies under E215, unless the publication is separately authorized Publications Service rates or a preferred rate. Mailings are also subject to the standards that apply to rates or discounts claimed. Regular rates include a per piece charge, a zone-based charge for the weight of the advertising portion of the publication, and an unzoned charge for the weight of the nonadvertising portion. Each piece rate requires specific preparation.

14.2 Preferred Rates

Preferred rates include the in-county and special (nonprofit, classroom, and science-of-agriculture) rates. Requester publications are not eligible for preferred rates. Publications Service publications may qualify only for in-county rates, subject to E270. Copies of authorized Periodicals publications mailed at any preferred rate must meet the corresponding eligibility standards. Nonsubscriber copies mailed at preferred rates are subject to the standards in E215 and E270 and those applicable to other rates or discounts claimed. Preferred rates include a per piece charge, a zone-based charge for the weight of the advertising portion of the publication, and an unzoned charge for the weight of the nonadvertising

portion, except that in-county rates apply without differentiation to both the advertising and nonadvertising portions. Each piece rate requires specific preparation.

14.3 Publications Service Rates

Publications Service rates are applicable to pieces eligible under E220. Publications Service rates include a per piece charge and a zone-based charge applied to the entire weight of the publication. The Publications Service rate requires specific preparation.

14.4 Discounts and Adjustments

Postage for Periodicals publications is reduced by any applicable discounts:

- a. The nonadvertising adjustment applies to the outside-county piece rate charges for Regular and Preferred Periodicals publications and is computed as described in P013.
- b. Presort discounts are available for Publications Service Periodicals, subject to E220, and for Regular and Preferred Periodicals, subject to E230.
- c. Automation-based discounts are available for Regular and Preferred Periodicals, subject to E240.
- d. Destination entry discounts are available for copies of any Periodicals publication entered by the publisher at specific USPS facilities, subject to E250.

14.5 Copies Mailed by Public

The applicable single-piece First-Class or Standard Mail rate is charged on copies of publications mailed by the general public (i.e., other than publishers or registered news agents) and on copies returned to publishers.

E212 Additional Standards for Qualification Categories

[In 1.1, 5.1, 6.1, and 6.2, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals." In 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 5.1, and 5.2, replace "second-class mail privileges" with "Periodicals mailing privileges." In 6.5, replace "third- or fourth-class rates" with "Standard Mail rates."]

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7.0 PUBLICATIONS SERVICE

Publications Service is available only to those publications authorized Periodicals mailing privileges as general or requester publications that meet the additional standards in E220.

E213 Periodicals Mailing Privileges

[In 2.1, 3.5, and 3.6, replace "second-class" with "Periodicals." In 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.9, 2.1, 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 4.0 (heading), 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3, replace "second-class mail privileges" with "Periodicals mailing privileges." In 2.1, replace "First-, third-, or fourth-class