

need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area. Specific rate eligibility is subject to these standards:

a. The basic carrier route rate applies to pieces in carrier route packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to carrier route or carrier routes trays (letter-size pieces) or sacks (flat-size pieces).

b. The high density and saturation rates apply to pieces that are eligible for the basic carrier route rate, are prepared in carrier walk sequence, and meet the applicable density standards in 5.0 for the rate claimed.

### 3.0 3/5 RATES

Subject to M210, 3/5 rates apply to:

a. Letter-size pieces in 5-digit or 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each, either correctly placed in 5-digit or 3-digit trays containing at least 24 pieces or in an overflow 3-digit tray.

b. Flat-size pieces in 5-digit or 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each, either correctly placed in 5-digit or 3-digit sacks or palletized under M045.

### 4.0 BASIC RATES

Basic rates apply to pieces not eligible for or claimed at either the carrier route or 3/5 rates.

### 5.0 WALK-SEQUENCE DISCOUNTS—REGULAR PERIODICALS

[Insert text of current E230.7.0 and 8.0, renumbered as 5.0 and 6.0, respectively; in renumbered 5.4b and 5.4d, replace "125-piece walk-sequence rate" with "high density/125-piece walk-sequence rate"; revise other text as follows:]

#### 5.1 Eligibility

The 125-piece or saturation walk-sequence rates apply to each walk-sequenced piece in a carrier route mailing, eligible under 2.2 and prepared under M210, that also meets the corresponding addressing and density standards in 5.4. (For this standard, "carrier route" includes city carrier routes, rural routes, highway contract routes, and general delivery and post office box sections.)

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### E232 Publications Service Periodicals

#### 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1.1 Standards

The standards for presort rates are in addition to the general standards for Periodicals in E210, for Publications Service in E220, the standards for other rates or discounts claimed, and the applicable preparation standards in M210, M810, or M820. Not all combinations of presort level,

automation, and destination entry discounts are allowed.

#### 1.2 Palletized Mail

A correctly prepared package is the equivalent of a sack when palletized under M045. Individual pieces qualify for the presort level rate appropriate to the palletized package in which they are placed, regardless of the destination of the pallet. Eligibility for destination entry or other zoned rates remains dependent on the point of entry.

### 2.0 CARRIER ROUTE RATES

#### 2.1 Carrier Route Information

Mailers must apply carrier route codes to mailings using CASS-certified software and the current USPS Carrier Route Information System (CRIS) scheme or another AIS product containing carrier route information (see A930). Mailers must have updated the carrier route information within 90 days before the mailing date. Carrier route rates for automation-compatible letter-size mail are available only for those 5-digit ZIP Code areas identified in the USPS AIS products used for address coding.

#### 2.2 Automation-Compatible Letter-Size Pieces

Where available, Carrier Route rates apply to pieces in carrier route packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to full carrier route or any 5-digit carrier routes trays. Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for carrier route rates is optional and is subject to M210 and M810. Carrier route presort need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area.

#### 2.3 Other Letter-Size Pieces

Carrier Route rates apply to pieces in carrier route packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to full carrier route or any 5-digit carrier routes trays. Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for carrier route rates is optional and is subject to M210. Carrier route presort need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area. Carrier Route rate mail must be prepared in carrier line-of-travel (LOT) sequence, using official LOT schemes prescribed by the USPS (see M050).

#### 2.4 Flat-Size Pieces

Carrier Route rates apply to pieces in carrier route packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to carrier route sacks containing at least 24 pieces, or to any 5-digit carrier routes sacks. Preparation to qualify eligible pieces for Carrier Route rates is optional and is subject to the applicable standards in M210 or M820. Carrier

route presort need not be performed for all carrier routes in a 5-digit area.

Carrier Route rate mail must be prepared in carrier walk sequence or line-of-travel (LOT) sequence, using official LOT schemes prescribed by the USPS (see M050).

### 3.0 BASIC RATES

Basic rates apply to pieces correctly prepared under M210 and not claimed at Carrier Route rates.

#### E239 Preferred Periodicals

[Copy text of current E230; renumber current 6.0 as 1.4; renumber 7.0 as 6.0; delete current 8.0; revise the remainder as follows:]

#### 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1.1 Standards

The standards for presort rates are in addition to the general standards for Periodicals in E210, the standards for other rates or discounts claimed, and the applicable preparation standards in M290 or M890. Not all combinations of presort level, automation, and destination entry discounts are allowed.

##### 1.2 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, Preferred Periodicals may be prepared under the standards for Regular Periodicals in M210, including presort. Under this option, Preferred Periodicals can claim Level I/K, Level H, or Level G/J rates, and may be combined (comailed) with Regular Periodicals in the same mailing, if all corresponding eligibility standards in E231 for Carrier Route, 3/5, and Basic, respectively, are met, except that pieces in 3-digit packages can earn the Level H rate only when prepared for the unique 3-digit ZIP Code destinations identified in L002, Column A. Presort of the combined mailing is based on the total combined volume of pieces.

##### 1.3 Palletized Mail

A correctly prepared package is the equivalent of a sack when palletized under M045. Individual pieces qualify for the presort level rate appropriate to the palletized package in which they are placed, regardless of the destination of the pallet. Eligibility for destination entry or other zoned rates remains dependent on the point of entry.

##### 1.4 Reporting Presort Level

Publishers must separately report copies at Levels G3 and G5, and Levels J1, J3, and J5, only when claiming a ZIP+4 or ZIP+4 Barcoded rate.