

2.0 CARRIER ROUTE (LEVEL I/K) RATES

2.1 Rate Application

Level I/K rates apply as follows:

a. Level I1 or K1 rates apply to pieces in carrier route packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to carrier route or carrier routes trays or sacks.

b. Level I2 or K2 rates apply to pieces eligible for the Level I1 or K1 rates that are further prepared in carrier delivery walk sequence and in the density necessary to meet the additional standards in 6.0 for the 125-piece walk-sequence rate.

c. Level I3 or K3 rates apply to pieces eligible for the Level I1 or K1 rates that are further prepared in carrier delivery walk sequence and in the density necessary to meet the additional standards in 6.0 for the saturation walk-sequence rate.

2.2 Carrier Route Information

Mailers must presort mail to carrier routes using the latest USPS Carrier Route Information System (CRIS) scheme. Mailers must have incorporated the CRIS changes in their mailings within 90 days before the date of mailing (see A930).

3.0 3- AND 5-DIGIT (LEVEL H) RATES

3.1 H Rates

Level H rates apply to pieces in 5-digit, optional city, and unique 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each that are correctly sorted to 5-digit, optional city, or unique 3-digit sacks.

3.2 H5 Rates

Level H5 rates apply:

a. In tray-based automation-rate letter-size mailings, to pieces in 5-digit trays.

b. In package-based automation-rate letter-size mailings, to pieces in 5-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each placed in 5-digit, optional city, 3-digit, SCF, or AADC trays.

c. In ZIP+4 Barcoded rate flat-size mailings, to pieces in 5-digit packages of six or more pieces each placed in 5-digit, optional city, 3-digit, SCF, or ADC sacks or palletized under M045.

d. In other mailings, to pieces in 5-digit packages of six or more pieces each placed in 5-digit, optional city, or unique 3-digit sacks.

3.3 H3 Rates

Level H3 rates apply:

a. In tray-based automation-rate letter-size mailings, to pieces in optional city and unique 3-digit trays.

b. In package-based automation-rate letter-size mailings, to pieces in optional city and unique 3-digit packages of 50

or more pieces each placed in optional city, 3-digit, SCF, or AADC trays.

c. In ZIP+4 Barcoded rate flat-size mailings, to pieces in optional city and unique 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each placed in optional city, 3-digit, SCF, or ADC sacks or palletized under M045.

d. In other mailings, to pieces in optional city or unique 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each placed in optional city or unique 3-digit sacks.

4.0 BASIC (LEVEL G) RATES

Level G rates apply to pieces not eligible for or claimed at the rates in 2.0 or 3.0.

5.0 IN-COUNTY (LEVEL J) RATES

[In 5.2c and 5.3c, replace "SDC" with "ADC."]

6.0 WALK-SEQUENCE DISCOUNTS

[Insert text of current E230.7.0.]

E240 Automation Rates

E241 Regular Periodicals

1.0 BASIC STANDARDS FOR LETTER-SIZE PIECES

1.1 All Pieces

All pieces in a Barcoded rate letter-size mailing must:

a. Meet the basic standards for Periodicals and for the category of authorization.

b. Meet the physical standards in C810.

c. Bear a delivery address that includes the correct numeric ZIP+4 or 5-digit ZIP Code (or, only if prepared with a delivery point barcode (DPBC), the numeric equivalent to the DPBC).

d. Meet the address quality and coding standards of A800 and A950.

e. Be presorted and documented as specified in M810.

f. Meet the postage payment standards in P013 and P200.

g. Bear the correct DPBC meeting the barcode standards in C840, subject to 1.4.

1.2 Rate Application

Barcoded rates apply to each piece that meets the applicable standards in 1.3 and 1.4 and bears the correct DPBC meeting the barcode standards in C840. Subject to M810, 3/5 Barcoded rates apply to letter-size pieces in 5-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each, and in 3-digit packages of 50 or more pieces each, correctly placed in 5-digit, 3-digit, AADC, or mixed AADC trays. Basic Barcoded rates apply to other pieces correctly prepared under M810.

1.3 Barcode Window

A mailpiece weighing 3 ounces or less, meeting the standards in 1.1 and

1.2 but with a barcode window in the lower right corner, may be eligible for the Barcoded rate only if the correct DPBC appears through the window.

1.4 85% Rule

The correct DPBC for the delivery address, as defined by the standards for address quality and coding accuracy in A800 and A950, must appear on each piece in any mailing containing heavy letters (as defined in C810) and on at least 85% of all pieces in other letter-size mailings. Remaining pieces must have a barcode clear zone in the lower right corner meeting the reflectance standards in C840, meet the applicable 5-digit or ZIP+4 barcode standards in C840, and not have a window in the lower right corner. Compliance with the 85% standard is based on each mailing.

1.5 Exclusions

Barcoded rate mailings may not include firm packages or pieces claimed at carrier route rates.

2.0 BASIC STANDARDS FOR FLAT-SIZE PIECES

2.1 All Pieces

All pieces in a Barcoded rate flat-size mailing must:

a. Meet the basic standards for Periodicals and for the category of authorization.

b. Meet the physical standards in C820.

c. Bear a delivery address that includes the correct numeric ZIP+4 or 5-digit ZIP Code (or, only if prepared with a delivery point barcode (DPBC), the numeric equivalent to the DPBC).

d. Meet the address quality and coding standards of A800 and A950.

e. Bear the correct 5-digit, ZIP+4, or DPBC, subject to C840.

f. Be marked, presorted, and documented as specified in M820.

g. Meet the postage payment standards in P013 and P200.

2.2 Rate Application

Barcoded rates apply to each piece that also bears the correct ZIP+4 or DPBC. Subject to M820, 3/5 Barcoded rates apply to flat-size pieces in 5-digit or 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each, either correctly placed in 5-digit, 3-digit, ADC, or mixed ADC sacks or palletized under M045. Basic Barcoded rates apply to other pieces correctly prepared under M820.

2.3 85% Rule

At least 85% of all pieces in a Barcoded rate mailing (regardless of presort or rate) must bear the correct ZIP+4 or DPBC for the delivery address, as defined by the standards for address