

quality and coding accuracy in A800 and A950. Remaining pieces must bear the correct 5-digit barcode meeting the applicable standards in C840. Compliance with the 85% standard is based on all mailed copies of an issue, excluding those claimed at carrier route rates.

E249 Discounts for Preferred Periodicals

[Text of current E242, E244, and E245, renumber as E249.1.0, 2.0, and 3.0, respectively, with subsections redesignated accordingly; no change in text except to replace "second-class" with "Periodicals."]

1.0 ZIP+4 DISCOUNTS

1.1 All Pieces

All pieces in a ZIP+4 rate mailing must:

- a. Meet the basic standards for Periodicals and for the category of authorization in E211 and E212, respectively.
- 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. Meet the standards in C830 or, for pieces with the correct DPBC, the barcode standards in C840.
- f. Be marked, presorted, and documented as specified in M891 or M892.
- g. Meet the postage payment standards in P013 and P200.

1.2 Rate Application

ZIP+4 rates apply to each piece that also:

- a. Is correctly presorted under M810 into the qualifying groups described in 1.7 and 1.8.
- b. Has an address with the correct numeric ZIP+4 code or bears the correct DPBC.

1.3 Barcode Window

A mailpiece meeting the standards in 1.1 and 1.2, but with a barcode window in the lower right corner, may be eligible for any automation rate only if the correct DPBC appears through the window.

1.4 5-Digit Barcodes

ZIP+4 rate mailings may include pieces with correct 5-digit barcodes if those pieces meet the standards in 1.1 and 1.2 and the standards for 5-digit barcodes in C840. Such pieces qualify for ZIP+4 rates only if the barcode is

printed on the piece and the address contains the correct numeric ZIP+4 code.

1.5 ZIP+4 Barcodes

ZIP+4 rate mailings may include pieces with correct ZIP+4 barcodes if the barcode is located in the address block and those pieces meet the standards in 1.1 and 1.2 and the standards for ZIP+4 barcodes in C840. Such pieces qualify for ZIP+4 rates only if, additionally, the address contains the correct numeric ZIP+4 code. Pieces that bear a ZIP+4 barcode in the lower right corner may not be included in a ZIP+4 rate mailing.

1.6 85% Rule

At least 85% of all pieces in a ZIP+4 rate mailing (regardless of presort or rate) must bear the correct numeric ZIP+4 code or DPBC for the delivery address, as defined by the standards for address quality and coding accuracy in A800 and A950. The 85% requirement applies to each mailing unless excepted by other standards.

1.7 Qualifying Tray-Based Presort

In tray-based presort mailings under M891:

- a. In full or overflow 5-digit trays, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H5/J5 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level H5/J5 presort rates.
- b. In full or overflow optional city and unique 3-digit trays, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 presort rates.
- c. In full or overflow nonunique 3-digit and SCF trays, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates. One less-than-full SCF tray for the SCF serving the post office where the mailing is entered is permitted.
- d. In AADC, mixed AADC, and working trays, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

1.8 Qualifying Package-Based Presort

In package-based presort mailings under M892:

- a. In 5-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H5/J5 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level H5/J5 presort rates.
- b. In optional city and unique 3-digit packages of 50 or more pieces each, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 ZIP+4 rates; other

pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 presort rates.

- c. In nonunique 3-digit packages of 50 or more pieces each, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

- d. In the residual portion of the mailing, ZIP+4 coded or DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

2.0 BARCODED DISCOUNTS (LETTER-SIZE PIECES)

2.1 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 in E211 and E212, respectively.
- 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 marked, presorted, and documented as specified in M893, M894, or M895.
- f. Meet the postage payment standards in P013 and P200.
- g. Either bear the correct DPBC meeting the barcode standards in C840 or meet the applicable standards in 2.5.

2.2 Rate Application

Barcoded rates apply to each piece that also:

- a. Is correctly presorted under M893, M894, or M895 into the qualifying groups described in 2.8, 2.9, and 2.10.
- b. Bears the correct DPBC that meets the barcode standards in C840.
- c. Meets the applicable standards in 2.3 through 2.7.

2.3 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, barcoded Preferred Periodicals may be prepared under the standards for Regular Periodicals in M810, including presort. Under this option, Preferred Periodicals can claim 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 and E241 for 3/5 and Basic, respectively, are met, except that pieces in 3-digit packages could 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.