

2.4 Barcode Window

A mailpiece weighing 3 ounces or less, meeting the standards in 2.1 through 2.3 but with a barcode window in the lower right corner, may be eligible for an automation rate only if the correct DPBC appears through the window.

2.5 Pieces Without DPBCs

Subject to 1.5 and 1.6, Barcoded rate mailings may also include nonbarcoded, 5-digit barcoded, or ZIP+4 barcoded pieces if each such piece (regardless of rate) meets the standards in 2.1, has a barcode clear zone in the lower right corner meeting the reflectance standards in C840, meets the applicable 5-digit or ZIP+4 barcode standards in C840, and does not have a window in the lower right corner. Additionally, to qualify for a ZIP+4 rate, subject to 2.8, 2.9, and 2.10:

a. Nonbarcoded and 5-digit barcoded pieces must bear an address with the correct ZIP+4 code and meet the standards in C830.

b. ZIP+4 barcoded pieces must have the barcode in the address block, meet the standards in C830, and bear an address with the correct ZIP+4 code.

2.6 85% Rule

Subject to 2.7, at least 85% of all pieces in a Barcoded rate mailing (regardless of presort or rate) must bear the correct 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.

2.7 100% Barcoding

Each piece must bear the correct delivery point barcode:

a. In 5-digit trays in a tray-based mailing under M893.

b. In 5-digit packages in a package-based mailing under M894 or M895.

c. In any mailing containing heavy letters (as defined in C810).

2.8 Qualifying Tray-Based Presort

In tray-based presort mailings under M893:

a. Pieces in full or overflow 5-digit trays qualify for the Level H5/J5 Barcoded rates.

b. In full or overflow optional city and unique 3-digit trays, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 ZIP+4 rate; other pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 presort rates.

c. In full or overflow nonunique 3-digit and SCF trays, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 Barcoded rates;

subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-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, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

2.9 Qualifying Two-Tier Package-Based Presort

In two-tier package-based presort mailings under M894:

a. Pieces in 5-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each qualify for the Level H5/J5 Barcoded rates.

b. In optional city and unique 3-digit packages of 50 or more pieces each, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-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, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

d. In residual trays, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

2.10 Qualifying Three-Tier Package-Based Presort

In three-tier package-based presort mailings under M895:

a. Pieces in 5-digit packages of 10 or more pieces each in the 5-digit presort tier qualify for the Level H5/J5 Barcoded rates.

b. In optional city and unique 3-digit packages of 50 or more pieces each in the 3-digit tier, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level H3/J3 Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-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 in the 3-digit presort tier, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 Barcoded rate; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-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 presort tier, DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1

Barcoded rates; subject to 2.5, ZIP+4 coded non-DPBC pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 ZIP+4 rates; other pieces qualify for the Level G/J1 presort rates.

3.0 BARCODED DISCOUNTS (FLAT-SIZE PIECES)

3.1 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 in E211 and E212, respectively.

b. Meet the physical standards in C820.

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

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

e. Have the correct 5-digit, ZIP+4, or DPBC, subject to C840, except for pieces in specific portions of mailings prepared under M897.

f. Be presorted and documented as specified in M897.

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

3.2 Rate Application

Barcoded rates apply to each piece that also:

a. Is correctly presorted under M897 into the qualifying groups described in 3.6.

b. Bears the correct ZIP+4 or DPBC.

3.3 Optional Preparation

At the mailer's option, barcoded Preferred Periodicals may be prepared under the standards for Regular Periodicals in M820, 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.

3.4 5-Digit Barcodes

Barcoded rate mailings may include pieces with correct 5-digit barcodes if those pieces meet the standards in 3.1 through 3.3 and the standards for 5-digit barcodes in C840. Pieces with a 5-digit barcode could be eligible for a presort rate under 3.6.