

DMM Redlines for Standard Mail letters from 3.3 ounces up to 3.5 ounces (price break) (under consideration)

DMM 240 Standard Mail

## DMM 243 Prices and Eligibility

### 1.0 Prices and Fees for Standard Mail

#### 1.1 Price Application

Postage is based on the price that applies to the weight (postage) increment of each addressed piece.

#### 1.2 Standard Mail Price Application

Standard Mail prices are based on the weight of the pieces as follows:

- a. The appropriate minimum per piece price applies to ~~any~~ Standard Mail ~~automation and machinable letter-sized~~ piece that weighs ~~3.3~~ 3.5 ounces (~~0.2063~~ 0.2188 pound) or less.
- b. The appropriate minimum per piece price applies to Standard Mail nonautomation letter-sized and flat-sized piece that weighs 4.0 ounces (0.25 pound) or less.
- b. A price determined by adding the per piece charge and the corresponding per pound charge applies to ~~any~~ Standard Mail ~~nonautomation letter-sized and flat –sized~~ piece that weighs more than ~~3.3~~ 4.0 ounces.

#### 1.5.0 Computing Postage for Standard Mail

##### ~~1.5.8 Discount for Heavy Automation Letters~~

~~Automation letters that weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces are charged postage equal to the automation piece/pound price for that piece and receive a discount equal to the corresponding automation flat-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less) minus the corresponding automation letter-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less). If a destination entry price is claimed, the discount is calculated using the corresponding prices.~~

##### ~~1.5.9 Discount for Heavy ECR Letters~~

~~Pieces that otherwise qualify for the high density or saturation letter price and weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces pay postage equal to the piece/pound price and receive a discount equal to the flat-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less) minus the letter-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less). If a destination entry price is claimed, the discount is calculated using the corresponding prices.~~

### 3.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Standard Mail

### **3.1 Description of Service**

#### **3.1.1 Service Objectives**

Standard Mail may receive deferred handling. Service objectives for delivery are 2 to 9 days; however, delivery time is not guaranteed.

#### **3.1.2 Minimum Quantity**

Standard Mail provides economical prices for mailings of 200 or more pieces or 50 or more pounds of mail.

### **3.2 Defining Characteristics**

#### **3.2.1 Mailpiece Weight**

All Standard Mail pieces must weigh less than 16 ounces. Flat-size pieces that do not meet the standards in 201.4.3 through 201.4.4 must be prepared as parcels and pay parcel prices. The following weight limits also apply to pieces mailed at Standard Mail letter prices:

- a. Pieces mailed at machinable letter prices may weigh up to 3.35 ounces. ~~Letter-size pieces weighing more than 3.3 ounces are mailable at nonmachinable letter prices, unless they are barcoded and eligible to be mailed as automation letters. For saturation and high density letters over 3.5 ounces, see 3.2.1b.~~
- b. Pieces mailed at automation letter prices may weigh up to 3.5 ounces. Saturation, high density and high density plus letters weighing more than 3.5 ounces are mailable at applicable saturation or high density nonautomation letter prices.

### **4.0 Price Eligibility for Standard Mail**

#### **4.2 Minimum Per Piece Prices**

The minimum per piece prices (the minimum postage that must be paid for each piece) apply as follows:

- a. Basic Requirement. Except for Product Samples, pieces mailed at Regular, Enhanced Carrier Route, Nonprofit, and Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route prices are subject to minimum per piece prices when they weigh no more than 3.35 ounces (~~0.2063~~ 0.2188 pound).

#### **4.3 Piece/Pound Prices**

Except for product samples, pieces that exceed 3.35 ounces (~~0.2063~~ 0.2188 pound) are subject to a two-part piece/pound price that includes a fixed charge per piece and a variable pound

charge based on weight. Pieces exceeding 3.3 ounces may not be mailed as Customized MarketMail. There are separate per piece prices for each subclass or product and within each subclass or product for the type of mailing and the level of presort within each mailing under 3.0 through 8.0. There are separate per pound prices for each subclass or product under 3.0 through 8.0. Discounted per pound prices also may be claimed for destination entry mailings DFSS, DNDC, DSCF, and DDU under 246.

## **6.0 Additional Eligibility Standards for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail Letters and Flats**

### **6.4.3 High Density and High Density Plus Discount for Heavy Letters**

~~High density and high density plus pieces that are automation compatible under 201.3.0, accurately barcoded with a delivery point IMb, and weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces, require postage equal to the piece/pound price and receive a discount equal to the high density flat-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less) minus the high density letter piece price (3.3 ounces or less). The discount is calculated using nondestination entry prices only, regardless of entry level. This discount does not apply to pieces requiring payment of nonautomation high density or high density plus letter prices~~

## **6.6 Saturation ECR Standards – Letters**

### **6.6.3 Saturation Discount for Heavy Letters**

~~Saturation pieces that are automation compatible under 201.3.0, are accurately barcoded with a delivery point barcode, and weigh more than 3.3 ounces but not more than 3.5 ounces pay postage equal to the piece/pound price and receive a discount equal to the saturation flat-size piece price (3.3 ounces or less) minus the saturation letter piece price (3.3 ounces or less). The discount is calculated using nondestination entry prices only, regardless of entry level. This discount also applies to saturation pieces with simplified addresses. This discount does not apply to pieces paying nonautomation saturation letter prices.~~