

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION**

Due to continued safety concerns surrounding the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the parties have agreed to a temporary limited modification to Article 8.1, which prohibits regular rural carriers working on Sunday; and to Article 30.1.P, which prohibits regular rural carriers from serving all or part of any rural route other than his or her assigned route.

No regular rural carrier will be required to work on Sunday or serve all or part of any rural route other than the assigned route. For the purposes of the work outlined in this MOU, regular rural carriers must **volunteer** to perform these additional duties.

Beginning January 1, 2022, and continuing through March 25, 2022, regular rural carriers may **volunteer** to work on Sunday and may also **volunteer** to provide assistance on other rural routes in the office. Managers will ask for volunteer regular rural carriers who wish to work on Sundays to deliver packages on any route(s) in the office; or perform service on other rural routes Monday through Saturday. Volunteering to work on Sunday or on other rural routes does not provide a guarantee or entitlement to work these assignments.

Prior to scheduling a regular rural carrier who has volunteered for Sunday work as identified in this MOU, management must first schedule all assistant rural carriers (ARCs), who are assigned to either the hub or associated spoke offices; and then all available leave replacements in the office, including stations, branches, and any remotely-managed post offices (RMPO). Management may also utilize annuitant holiday assistant rural carriers (HARCs), during the period of their appointment, prior to scheduling regular rural carriers for Sunday work. Volunteer regular rural carriers will be scheduled for Sunday work on a rotating basis by seniority, following the scheduling of ARCs and leave replacements as outlined above.

A regular rural carrier's assigned route must be completed prior to scheduling that volunteer regular rural carrier for service on another route in the office. In addition, offices must comply with the provisions of Article 30.2.D, prior to scheduling a volunteer regular rural carrier to provide assistance on another rural route(s) in the office.

Regular rural carriers will be compensated at the overtime rate pursuant to Article 9.2.A.1.k., for hours worked on Sunday and for service on all or part of any rural route other than their assigned routes. All work hours are to be recorded in the Actual Weekly Hours block on PS Form 1314. Hours worked on Sunday or spent providing service on other rural routes are annotated in the Daily Overtime block.

Regular rural carriers who work their relief day in accordance with Article 8.5, will not be scheduled to perform service on other rural routes in the office on that day. Additionally, management may bypass scheduling these volunteer regular rural carriers for work on Sunday or on other rural routes if it would cause the carrier to exceed the annual workhour guarantee.



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