

POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Classification Changes; Bound Printed Matter

AGENCY: Postal Service.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule sets forth the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) standard to increase the weight of Bound Printed Matter from 10 pounds to 15 pounds adopted by the Postal Service to implement the Decision of the Governors of the Postal Service on Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC97-3.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 5, 1997.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia A. Bennett, (202) 268-6350.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In response to requests from Bound Printed Matter customers, the Postal Service proposed to increase the maximum weight limit for Bound Printed Matter from 10 to 15 pounds in Docket No. MC97-2, Parcel Classification Reform. This increase was to include single-piece, carrier route bulk, and basic bulk Bound Printed Matter. No change in existing rates was proposed for the subclass. Rather, the existing per-piece and per-pound rate elements were to remain in place, with the per-pound elements applied to the additional pounds. After the Postal Service withdrew its request in Docket No. MC97-2, a joint motion was filed by the Advertising Mail Marketing Association (AMMA), the Association of American Publishers (AAP), and the Direct Marketing Association (DMA), requesting that the PRC initiate the current proceeding in order to consider extending the weight limit for Bound Printed Matter.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3624 on September 4, 1997, the PRC issued its Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC97-3 to increase the weight limit for Bound Printed Matter from 10 pounds to 15 pounds, to the Governors of the Postal Service. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C.

3625, the Governors approved the PRC's recommendation, and the Board of Governors set an implementation date of October 5, 1997, for the increase in weight limit for Bound Printed Matter to take effect.

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PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 5001.

2. Amend the Domestic Mail Manual as set forth below:

Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

C CHARACTERISTICS AND CONTENT

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C600 Standard Mail

1.0 DIMENSIONS

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1.2 Standard Mail (B)

[Amend 1.2a by replacing "10 pounds" with "15 pounds" to read as follows:]

These dimensional standards apply to Standard Mail (B):

a. No piece may weigh more than 70 pounds, except matter at Bound Printed Matter rates may not weigh more than 15 pounds.

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E600 Standard Mail

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E620 Nonautomation Nonpresort Rates

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3.0 BOUND PRINTED MATTER

3.1 Description

[Amend 3.1 by replacing "10 pounds" with "15 pounds" to read as follows:]

Bound Printed Matter is Standard Mail weighing at least 1 pound but not more than 15 pounds and meeting the standards in E611 and E613. Bound Printed Matter rates are based on zones and on the weight of the piece.

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P POSTAGE AND PAYMENT METHODS

P000 Basic Information

P010 General Standards

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P013 Rate Application and Computation

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5.0 RATE APPLICATION—STANDARD MAIL (B)

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5.3 Single-Piece Bound Printed Matter

[Amend 5.3 by replacing "10 pounds" with "15 pounds" to read as follows:]

The single-piece Bound Printed Matter rate is charged per half-pound from 1.5 through 5 pounds, and per pound from more than 5 through 15 pounds. For pieces weighing 1 through 5 pounds or less, any fraction of a half-pound is considered a whole half-pound. For pieces weighing more than 5 but not more than 15 pounds, any fraction of a pound is considered a whole pound. * * *

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R600 Standard Mail

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7.0 BOUND PRINTED MATTER

[Amend 7.0 by adding the rates for 11 pounds through 15 pounds in 7.1b, 7.3a, and 7.3b to read as follows:]

7.1 Single-Piece

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b. Computed Bound Printed Matter Single-Piece:

Weight not over (pounds)	Zone							
	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.0	\$1.40	\$2.00	\$2.24	\$2.62	\$3.21	\$3.83	\$4.58	\$5.22
12.0	1.43	2.06	2.31	2.73	3.38	4.05	4.87	5.56
13.0	1.46	2.11	2.39	2.84	3.54	4.27	5.15	5.91
14.0	1.49	2.17	2.46	2.95	3.71	4.49	5.44	6.25
15.0	1.53	2.22	2.54	3.06	3.87	4.71	5.73	6.60

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7.3 Bulk Rate Computed Postage Amount With Postage Affixed

a. Basic Bulk Bound Printed Matter:

Weight not over (pounds)	Zone							
	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.0	\$0.783	\$1.173	\$1.393	\$1.789	\$2.372	\$2.999	\$3.747	\$4.385
12.0 .....	.806	1.216	1.456	1.888	2.524	3.208	4.024	4.720
13.0 .....	.829	1.259	1.519	1.987	2.676	3.417	4.301	5.055
14.0 .....	.852	1.302	1.582	2.086	2.828	3.626	4.578	5.390
15.0 .....	.875	1.345	1.645	2.185	2.980	3.835	4.855	5.725

b. Carrier Route Bulk Bound Printed Matter:

Weight not over (pounds)	Zone							
	Local	1 & 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.0	\$0.720	\$1.110	\$1.330	\$1.726	\$2.309	\$2.936	\$3.684	\$4.322
12.0 .....	.743	1.153	1.393	1.825	2.461	3.145	3.961	4.657
13.0 .....	.766	1.196	1.456	1.924	2.613	3.354	4.238	4.992
14.0789	1.239	1.519	2.023	2.765	3.563	4.515	5.327
15.0812	1.282	1.582	2.122	2.917	3.772	4.792	5.662

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR 111.3 will be published to reflect these changes.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

42 CFR Part 57

RIN 0906-AA47

Grants for Residency Training and Advanced Education in the General Practice of Dentistry

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This technical amendment revises the regulations governing the program for Grants for Residency Training and Advanced Education in the General Practice of Dentistry, authorized by section 749 of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), to modify the application and review criteria to be consistent with current Agency streamlining efforts.

DATES: These regulations are effective October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernice Parlak, Acting Director, Division of Associated, Dental, and Public Health Professions, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-101, Rockville,

Maryland 20857; telephone: (301) 443-6853.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule amends the existing regulations for Grants for Residency Training and Advanced Education in the General Practice of Dentistry, governed by section 749 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 293m) to remove redundant application and project requirements, and to revise the evaluation criteria to eliminate duplication and bring the language into compliance with current grants policy. Specific changes are discussed below according to the section numbers and headings of the regulations affected.

Section 57.1104 How must an entity apply for a grant?

Section 57.1104 is revised to remove the phrase "in particular the requirements of § 57.1105" because this language is unnecessary and redundant.

Section 57.1105 What requirements must a project meet?

The project requirements listed in paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (f) of this section are being removed because they are redundant to the accreditation standards published by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. Compliance with these accreditation standards is an eligibility requirement of the grant program, as described in § 57.1103. The paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (f) in § 57.1105 that are being removed are as follows:

(a) The project staff must plan, develop, and/or operate an approved residency or advanced educational program in the general practice of dentistry.

(c) If the training site provides medical care, then the medical and

dental care of patients must be coordinated.

(d) If a primary care medical residency program is conducted by the applicant, then joint training experiences must be provided. For purposes of this paragraph, primary care means internal medicine, family medicine, or pediatrics.

(f) The training program, the performance of each participant, and the quality of patient care must be evaluated.

Section 57.1106 What are the criteria for deciding which applications are to be funded?

The heading of the section is being revised to read, "How will applications be evaluated?"

Further, the evaluation criteria are being revised to reflect current Agency initiatives to streamline and standardize the review of health professions education grant applications. The revision shifts the language of the criteria from passive to active voice, and reflects increased attention to measurable performance goals and outcomes. The introductory text of the section will be designated as paragraph (a). The following paragraphs (1) through (8) list the revised evaluation criteria:

(1) The proposal addresses the legislative intent of the program and has a well-documented rationale;

(2) The objectives of the proposed project are consistent with the program's rationale, and are measurable and achievable within the project period;

(3) The proposed project's methodology is consistent with the objectives and explained in appropriate detail;

(4) The evaluation is linked to the objectives and addresses the project outcomes;