

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
AND THE  
NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION  
  
MDCD (Mobile Data Collection Device)**


The parties agree that the following Mobile Data Collection Device (MDCD) time allowances and procedures will be implemented on all rural routes that receive a mail count in the 2003 National Mail Count and will continue to be applied in any subsequent mail counts. These allowances will not apply to those rural routes not counted in the 2003 National Mail Count until the next mail count of any type conducted on each of those rural routes.


All rural routes that have been assigned a MDCD will continue to receive one (1) minute per day for pick up and set up of the MDCD for use on the route and for the return of the MDCD to its designated location upon the carrier's return to the office.

Rural carriers will utilize the MDCD to scan all Delivery Confirmation mail piece barcodes. The routes will be credited with an eighteen (18) seconds per piece time allowance.

The one minute credit for MDCD retrieval and the eighteen (18) seconds per piece for delivery confirmation will be recorded in Column R, *Other Suitable Allowance*.

For each accountable mail piece, including Express Mail and Signature Confirmation, the time allowance will be twenty-eight (28) seconds. This twenty-eight (28) second allowance will be credited to the route for each piece received for delivery and will include any time associated with scanning of the Form 3849 and the data entry of recipient names. This time allowance will be incorporated into the time allowances credited for Columns F and G of Forms 4241 and 4241-X and will not be recorded in Column R.

  
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