

Subject: Question of the Day

Q: I am a relief carrier and I have volunteered to go to a neighboring office to work a rural route. Do I get paid mileage to travel to the other office?

A: Anytime you travel to another office to work, including Sunday and Holiday parcel delivery, you are entitled to mileage re-imbursement in accordance with the F15. If you travel between branches and stations of your main office including RMPOS of the same APO you are not entitled to claim mileage re-imbursement.

USPS Handbook F-15 7.1.1.1.2.

“d. Mileage. When it is advantageous to the Postal Service, you may be authorized to depart directly from and return directly to your home.

The Postal Service may reimburse you for any mileage that exceeds the distance between your home and your permanent duty station. If

the mileage is less than that between your home and your permanent duty station, you may not claim a mileage reimbursement. You may

claim out-of-pocket expenses such as tolls, parking, etc.

Use the formula below to calculate the amount for which you may be reimbursed.

Mileage from home to temporary duty station

- (minus) Mileage from home to permanent duty station Allowable mileage

x (times) Standard mileage rate from Appendix A

= (equals) Amount you may claim for reimbursement

Important: Your daily commute between your residence and your permanent duty station is not considered local travel. Getting to work is your responsibility; therefore, you may not claim that mileage.”