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581.15 Free Saturday

581.151 Free Saturday Combined With Annual/ Sick Leave

A regular rural carrier or substitute rural carrier (Designation 72) or a rural carrier associate (Designation 74) in a leave earning capacity who has an approved absence on Saturday occurring within or at the beginning or end of a period of annual or sick leave is not charged such leave or loss of compensation, provided:

- a. There are more than 5 days of annual or sick leave within the period; or
- b. There are more than 4 days of annual or sick leave plus a holiday within the period. If a holiday falls on Saturday, which is a scheduled workday, absence on the preceding Friday will not be charged to leave. If the leave period is for 4 days, or less absence on the Friday will be charged to leave.
- c. Interruption during the approved period of annual or sick leave by court leave due to circumstances beyond the employee's control shall not disqualify the carrier for coverage as provided in *a*. or *b*. above.

581.152 Maximum Free Saturdays Within a Pay Period

Maximum free Saturdays within a pay period include the following:

- a. 6-day routes H or M may receive 2 free Saturdays within the pay period (see exhibit 581.152).
- b. 5.5-day J routes receive only 1 free Saturday per pay period.
- c. 5-day K routes do not receive free Saturdays.

Exhibit 581.152 Free Saturdays

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The assigned carrier is charged 5 days' annual leave and is compensated as follows:

Week 1 5 days' annual leave and 1 free Saturday at the evaluation of the route.

Week 2 40.00 hours at RSC B, grade 5 attained step, plus 1.30 hours at 150 percent of same rate and six trips EMA. Saturday is a free Saturday.

The substitute carrier is compensated as follows:

Week 1 6 days at the appropriate daily rate of pay and six trips EMA for week 1, and 1 day plus EMA for week 2.