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USPS Involuntary

Reassignment?

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Presented by Brian J. Wagner * NAPS Past National President

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SENIOR ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL Human Resources Group Washington, DC 20260-4000

June 5, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR FIELD DIRECTORS, HUMAN RESOURCES

SUBJECT: Vacancy Announcement Requirements



WILLIAM J. HENDERSON VICE PRESIDENT, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Warhington DC 20260-4200

September 9, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR MANAGERS, HUMAN RESOURCES (DISTRICT)

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Recently, the management organizations brought two items to our attention which relate to Vacancy Announcements and to applicants for EAS positions. Both concerns have been previously addressed by this office. However, as a point of focus, I would like to reiterate the appropriate action we need to take for each of these items.

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April 3, 2008

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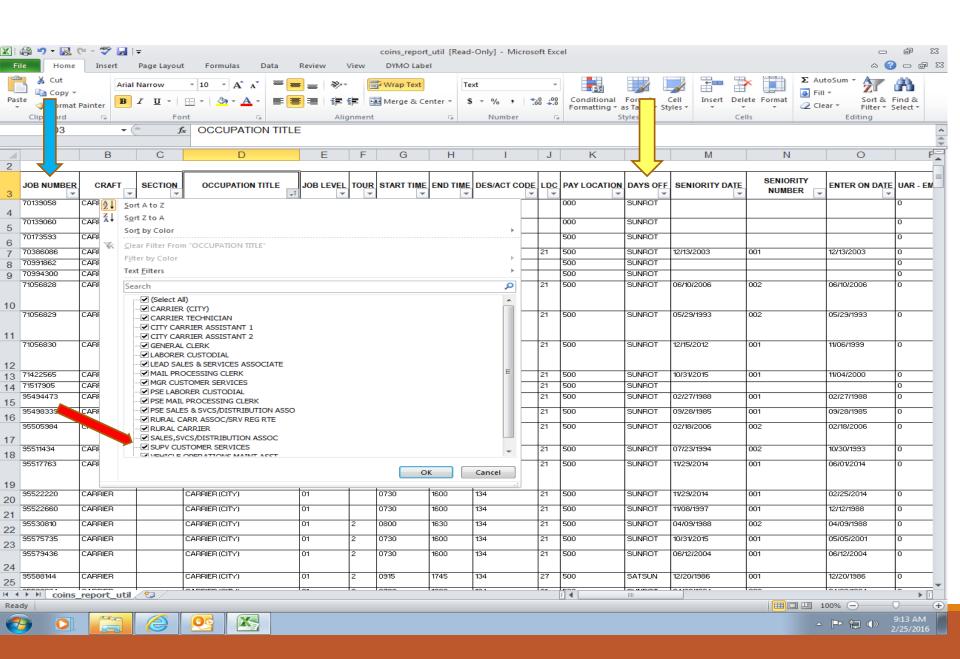
ELM 432.1 Employee Classifications ELM 432.112 Nonbargaining Unit Employees

Nonbargaining unit employees are categorized as follows:

1.Full-time salaried — one of the following categories of salaried employees employed according to procedures established by the Postal Service:

- 1. Exempt salaried career employees who are exempt from the FLSA provisions, are not limited to working a specified number of hours in a service week, and are expected to work or have excused leave for at least 40 hours per week fulfilling the responsibilities of their positions.
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Involuntary Reassignment Nonbargaining Rescheduling Premium

434.7 Nonbargaining Rescheduling Premium

434.71 Policy

Nonbargaining rescheduling premium is paid to eligible nonbargaining unit employees for time actually worked outside of and instead of their regularly scheduled workweek when less than 4 calendar days notice of the schedule change is given. It is not paid beyond the 4th calendar day after the notice of schedule change is given. Neither is it paid when the assignment is made to accommodate an employee's request.

Nonbargaining Rescheduling Premium

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434.72 Eligibility

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Updated USPS Policy Temporary Involuntary Reassignment December 20, 2007

Patrick Donahoe Deputy PMG & COO

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- If the employee chooses, local management association representatives should be advised of the assignment's nature, purpose, and duration.

Again, there is a difference between temporary involuntary reassignments made in order to meet operating, training, or developmental needs, and involuntary reassignments made for punitive or arbitrary reasons. The latter are inappropriate. If management perceives that action is needed in order to address unsatisfactory performance then corrective action should be taken in a manner compliant with applicable rules and regulations.

Adherence to these guidelines is necessary as we work to carry out the mission of the Postal Service as efficiently and effectively as possible with due respect for the interests of our nonbargaining employees.

Your usual cooperation and support is appreciated.

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- If the affected employee chooses, the employee's local management association representative should be advised of the reason for, purpose, and anticipated duration of the reassignment.

While there is no absolute guarantee that work schedules of supervisory/managerial employees will not change, schedule changes due to temporary involuntary reassignments will be made in accordance with the above guidelines.

Adherence to these guidelines concerning temporary involuntary reassignments will respect the interests of nonbargaining employees as the Postal Service carries out its mission efficiently and effectively.

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Updated USPS Policy Temporary Involuntary Reassignment August 31, 2015

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Reissued guidelines from 2012, 2007, 2004, 2002 and 1999

- If Involuntary Reassignment becomes extended or is made permanent, contact NAPS representative to file a grievance per ELM 652.4 Other Appealable Actions
- Permanent Involuntary Reassignments from original EAS position MUST be based on Operational Needs. (i.e., change in carrier start times, expanded retail hours, etc.)

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Six (6) Involuntary Reassignment

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since 1999

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May Consultative Meeting Agenda May 26, 2021 via Zoom (Excerpt)

NAPS has continuously received concerns on the issue of Involuntary Reassignments and the arbitrary changing of EAS work schedules without justifiable reasons.

NAPS understands that there is a letter about temporary Involuntary Reassignments, but there is nothing in writing about arbitrary permanent changes to an EAS work schedule.

NAPS contends that these changes disrupt member's lives as well as the operational needs of the USPS. EAS put in for jobs according to N/S days and work hours. When an EAS accepts a position, NAPS contends that this is a binding commitment by the EAS to be available and at work at the designated times and tours of the job that they have been selected and accepted. That EAS is committing to the agency that he/she will schedule all other life events (doctor visits, food shopping, quality time with family outside of vacations...) around the committed times and tours.

NAPS contends that when the USPS unjustly changes the EAS work schedule, the agency fails to live up to its commitment in the job selection process. These unjust changes not only disrupt the family life of the EAS employee but also disrupt postal operations with disengaged, low morale EAS who have had their personal and family lives disregarded and disrupted by the USPS calling them to lead the workforce in completing the appointed task.

NAPS contents this is a major contributing factor of the low morale that plagues the EAS ranks of the USPS as documented in USPS Postal Pulse surveys.

NAPS is requesting that the USPS stop engaging in demoralizing acts against the better interest of Postal Operations

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USPS RESPONSE:

Response: Changes in schedules of non-bargaining employees are not demoralizing acts and are intended to satisfy developmental needs of the employee or needs of the Service. Increases and decreases in the number of bargaining unit positions in a facility and/or on different tours in the facility may result in a need to permanently change the schedule of the supervisor. Changes in workload could create a need for a change in scheduled days off, hours, etc

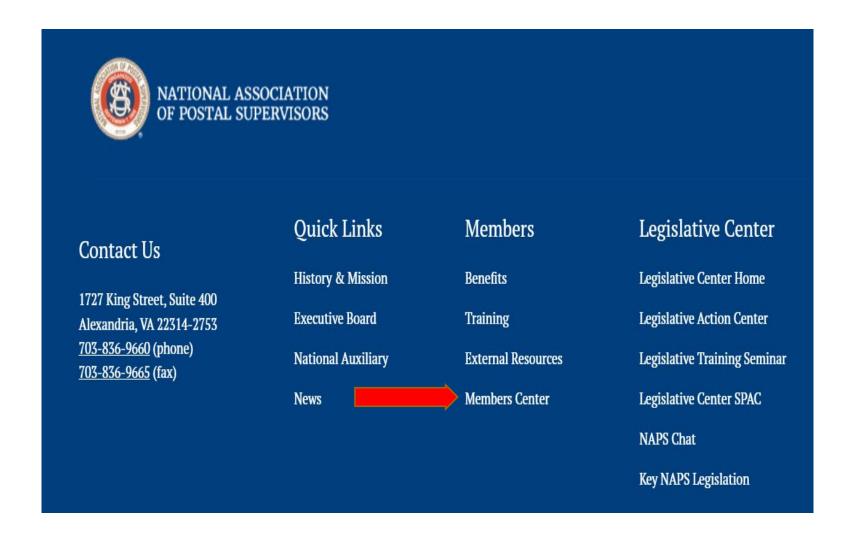
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The Memorandum on <u>temporary</u> involuntary reassignments has been reissued over the years and most recent as August 31, 2015. We will discuss this memo further with the resident officers to determine whether the memo should be reissued as written or revised.

Although the 2015 memo is specific to temporary involuntary reassignments, the guidelines within the memo should be followed with all non-bargaining reassignments, when practicable.

NAPS Response: USPS should enforce the rules and directives that are currently in place when these types of issues arise.

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- Fitness-for-Duty Examinations Information for Supervisors
- <u>▶ Retall Customer Experience Evaluation VP Delivery Phelan 9 13 2014</u>
- USPS Limits Personal Use of Office Equipment 69 2000
- Redundant Reports/Logs Memo VP DPOO Granholm 4 6 2012
- EAS Vacancy Package Closings Policy Update VP ERM Glannoni-Jackson 6 2 2009

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NPA Unit Mitigation

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- Proposed Adverse Action Procedures Against EAS Levels 18 and Above and n 10 11 2018
- Discipline for Misconduct USPS Law 10 2002
- DDF Representation Request Form
- Management Instruction on Adverse Action for EAS 18 and Above
- NAPS Documents Required for an Appeal
- <u> Example MSPB FORM 185</u>
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- **ELM Chapter 9 Section 110 Employee Organizations 7 20 2006**

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- HR Memo Non-bargaining Employee Selection and Release Signed 11.19.2021
- <u>USPS POV MI June 2015-0002</u>
- USPS Field Organizational Changes Powerpoint 9 2013
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- Advance Leave Requests VP ERM Harris 6 24 2002
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- Temporary Involuntary Reassignments Letter COO Williams 8 31 2015

What Are The 4 Factors Before a Involuntary Reassignment?

- 1. Management must focus on their intended purpose when making an assignment, and must inform the impacted EAS employee of the nature of the assignment. This must include the rationale for the assignment, the intended objective and the anticipated duration of the assignment.
- 2. EAS employee must be afforded an opportunity to discuss a possible modification of the assignment and have their input considered when the USPS is making a final determination.
- 3. When possible, sufficient lead time must be provided to minimize disruption to the employee and postal operations.
- 4. If employee chooses, local management association representative should be advised of the assignment's nature, purpose and duration.

What Is and Is Not A

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

"CONSTRUCTED"

Involuntary Reassignment, with no operational bases, circumventing Title 39 Consultative Process between USPS/NAPS and possible violations within Title 7 - EEOC.

What Is and Is Not A

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

EAS Recourse for Involuntary Reassignment

EAS Level 17's and below, may file a

GRIEVANCE under:

ELM 652.41 -OTHER APPEALABLE ACTIONS

NOTIFY YOUR NAPS OFFICERS!

650 Nonbargaining Disciplinary, Grievance, and Appeal Procedures

652.4 Other Appealable Actions

ELM 652.41 Coverage

Employees in EAS-17 and below, regardless of length of service, may appeal letters of warning, emergency placement in a nonduty status, and *other matters not covered* by <u>652.2</u> (Adverse Action) by using the procedures in <u>652.42</u> through <u>652.44</u>. (Step A, B & Review)

PCES Level I, and EAS-18 and above employees have access to these procedures only to appeal discipline in the nature of a letter of warning and emergency placement in a nonduty status.

What <u>Is</u> and <u>Is Not</u> A USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

EAS-18 and Above Employees Recourse for Involuntary Reassignment ELM 665.15 Obedience to Orders

Employees must obey the instructions of their supervisors. If an employee has reason to question the propriety of a supervisor's order, the individual must nevertheless carry out the order and may immediately file a **protest** in writing to the official in charge of the installation or may appeal through official channels.

NOTIFY YOUR NAPS OFFICERS!

What Is and Is Not A

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #1:

EAS INSTRUCTED TO COME IN 2

HOURS EARLY THE NEXT DAY

What Is and Is Not A

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #2:

6 DAYS PRIOR TO START OF NEW WORK WEEK,
EAS VERBALLY TOLD NSD WILL CHANGE FROM
SCHEDULED MONDAY TO TUESDAY OF NEXT
WEEK, NO OTHER INFORMATION OR REASON
GIVEN FOR CHANGE.

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #3:

EAS INSTRUCTED ON MONDAY TO

REPORT TO DIFFERENT STATION
ON TUESDAY

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #4:

EAS AGREES TO MOVE FROM CURRENT
TOUR/HOURS AND NOW WANTS TO

RETURN TO PREVIOUS TOUR/HOURS

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #5:

EAS ON TOUR 3 INSTRUCTED TO COME

IN ON TOUR 1 WITH NO COMPLETED

PS FORM 1723

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #6:

EAS NSD IS MONDAY. EACH MONDAY HOLIDAY,
MGR. ARBITRARILY CHANGES EAS NSD TO TUESDAY
WITHOUT EAS AGREEMENT. EAS ALSO SCHEDULED
TO WORK EVERY SATURDAY BEFORE HOLIDAY. NO
PS FORM 1723 ON FILE

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #7:

EAS IS ON FMLA, RECEIVES LETTER AT HOME INFORMING THEM TO REPORT TO ANOTHER DUTY STATION OR TOUR WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION, NO BEGINNING OR ENDING DATE FOR CHANGE.

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #8:

A SWC'S ARE DONE AT YOUR STATION WITH
RESULTS SHOWING ONE (1) TOO MANY
SUPERVISORS, ACTING PM, SENDS LETTER TO A
SUPERVISOR DIRECTING THEM TO REPORT TO
ANOTHER STATION

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #9:

NO NOTICE GIVEN. OPENING SUPV BT IS 6 AM.

POSTMASTER SCHEDULES SUPV INDEFINITELY TO

BT AT 10 AM TO CLOSE STATION. CLOSING SUPV BT

CHANGED INDEFINITELY FROM 10 AM TO 6 AM TO

OPEN STATION. NO PS FORM 1723 ON FILE

USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #10:

EAS BT 6 AM WITH 1 –HOUR LUNCH. INSTRUCTED

2 DAYS BEFORE START OF NEW WORK WEEK TO

BT AT 10 AM. GIVEN 2-HOUR LUNCH. INFORMED

TEMPORARY, BUT NO REASON STATED FOR

CHANGE OR HOW LONG IS TEMPORARY.

What <u>Is</u> and <u>Is Not</u> A USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

DISCUSSION AND EXAMPLES

SCENARIO #11:

- EAS REGULAR SCHEDULE IS 6 AM BT WITH 1 -HOUR LUNCH.
- EAS CALLED INTO MANAGER'S OFFICE ABOUT TRAINING
- INFORMED IN 2-WEEKS WILL BE TRAINED ON CLOSE-OUT OPERATION OVER THE NEXT 60 DAYS WITH A 10 AM BT WITH 2-HOUR LUNCH.
- EAS ASKED TO HAVE NAPS REP PRESENT NAPS REP ARRIVES
- MGR. ASKS EAS IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT TIMING OF USPS TRAINING AND ON CLOSEOUT OPERATION.
- EAS ASKED MGR. FOR 30 DAYS OF TRAINING AND 1-HOUR LUNCH INSTEAD OF 60 DAYS AND 2-HOUR LUNCH.
- EAS TOLD 2 HOURS LUNCH NECESSARY DURING CLOSEOUT TO COVER WORKHOURS AND AVOID T-TIME. WILL REVISIT 30 DAYS OF TRAINING TIMELINE BASED ON EAS PROFICIENCY.
- NAPS AND EAS ASK FOR PS FORM 1723 BE ISSUED TO DOCUMENT



April 3, 2008

MANAGERS, HUMAN RESOURCES (AREA) MANAGERS, HUMAN RESOURCES (DISTRICT)

SUBJECT: Vacancy Announcements and EAS Applicant Notification

In recent discussions two issues were raised regarding EAS vacancies. While most offices are probably already handling these appropriately, I would like to reiterate the actions which need to be taken. This discussion is in reference to announcing all EAS vacancies, which includes initial level supervisor and Universal Associate Supervisor Program (ASP) vacancies.

First, all EAS, initial-level supervisor and Universal ASP vacancy announcements need to specify the duty station, the starting and ending times, and the non-scheduled days for the vacant position. This information is particularly important to employees with personal obligations such as childcare, eldercare, and educational commitments.

I recognize that there will be vacancies which require flexibility, including operational coverage factors and certain associate supervisor duty assignments. By their nature, these positions often require continuing changes in any or all of the above cited elements. However, when such operational requirements are necessary, they must be clearly conveyed on the vacancy announcement (e.g., specific rotating non-scheduled days) and discussed with applicants prior to their selection.

The second issue is in regard to our handling of unsuccessful applicants. It has been a long standing practice to notify non-selected EAS applicants via a courtesy letter which state the final status of their application. This letter should also express our appreciation for their interest and should positively encourage them to consider other career opportunities with the Postal Service. Notifying applicants of the final decision is not only critical in providing an applicant with closure, but also conveys a sense of the value we attach to each of our employees.

Please take this opportunity to review your processes, with an emphasis on enhancing the value and meaningfulness to EAS applicants.

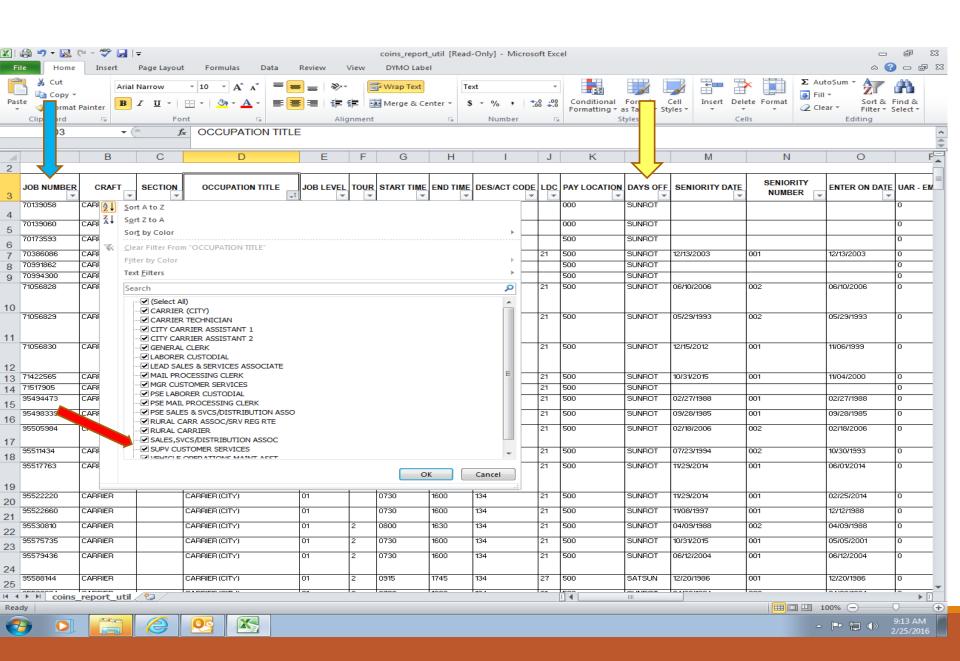
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Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition

- When applying for an EAS position (lateral or promotion) check the posting for location, BT & ET, NSD.
- Keep a copy of original posting if you are the successful applicant.
- If your original job posting schedule changes may be considered an Involuntary Reassignment.
- Make sure EAS Job Posting schedule in correct in TACS!
 - WEB-Coins
 - TACS

What about your Webcoins Data



What <u>Is</u> and <u>Is Not</u> A USPS Involuntary Reassignment?

Is Temporary Reassignment based on operational change or training?

- If **YES**, get reassignment documented on PS Form 1723 for duration and written documentation schedule of reassignment.
 - Ensure USPS followed August 31, 2015 David Williams, Involuntary
 Reassignment Policy Letter

• If NO, notify NAPS Representative for guidance to file an EAS Grievance per ELM 652.41 –OTHER APPEALABLE ACTIONS; or <u>Protest</u> under ELM 665.15 OBEDIENCE TO ORDERS.

Thank You!



Questions?