

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS, AFL-CIO**

Re: Delivery Unit Optimization – Retreat Rights


Delivery Unit Optimization (DUO) refers to a process that includes permanently moving all city carrier assignments from one work location to another location(s).

The parties agree to the following when DUO results in moving city letter carriers from one installation to another:

Any city carrier(s) who had active retreat rights to the losing installation at the point of DUO implementation will have his/her retreat rights carried forward to the gaining installation. In this situation, retreat rights will be offered to excessed city letter carriers by seniority as defined by the Memorandum of Understanding *Re: Delivery Unit Optimization* and the National Agreement.

In the event city delivery assignment(s) are returned to the losing installation(s), any city carrier(s) who had active retreat rights to the losing installation at the point of DUO implementation will have retreat rights restored to his/her original installation.

This agreement is reached without prejudice to either party's position on this or any other matter and may only be cited to enforce its terms.



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