



2018

USPS® POSTAGE RATE INCREASE GUIDE

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will implement new rates for domestic and international mail classes as well as its Special Services on January 21, 2018. Learn more about these changes and how they may impact your mailing and shipping.





WHAT'S NEW IN 2018

2018 USPS Commercial Base (online postage) prices by mail class:

| First-Class Mail Letter | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | Increase |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| First-Class Mail® Letter (1 oz.) - Retail/Post Office Rate* | \$0.50 | \$0.49 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) - Metered Mail/Stamps.com Rate | \$0.47 | \$0.46 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Letter - Additional Ounces | \$0.21 | \$0.21 | NO CHANGE |
| First-Class Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.) | \$1.00 | \$0.98 | \$0.02 |
| First-Class Flat/Large Envelope - Additional Ounces | \$0.21 | \$0.21 | NO CHANGE |
| First-Class Letter International (1 oz.) | \$1.15 | \$1.15 | NO CHANGE |
| Postcard | \$0.35 | \$0.34 | \$0.01 |
| Priority Mail Express® (0.5 lb.) | \$21.98 and up | \$21.18 and up | \$0.80 and up |
| Priority Mail® (1 lb.) | \$6.55 and up | \$5.95 and up | -\$0.30 and up |
| First-Class Package Service (1 oz.) | \$2.66 | \$2.61 | \$0.05 |
| Parcel Select Ground® (1 lb.) | \$6.55 and up | \$5.95 and up | -\$0.30 and up |
| Media Mail® (1 lb.) | \$2.66 | \$2.63 | \$0.03 |
| USPS Retail Ground™ (1 lb.) - Retail/Post Office Rate* | \$6.70 and up | \$6.65 and up | \$0.05 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed® (0.5 lb.) | \$61.28 and up | \$59.90 and up | \$1.38 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International® (0.5 lb.) | \$40.38 and up | \$38.90 and up | \$0.48 and up |
| Priority Mail International® (1 lb.) Canada | \$31.35 and up | \$30.16 and up | \$1.19 and up |
| Priority Mail International (1 lb.) Other Countries | \$38.24 and up | \$36.81 and up | \$1.43 and up |
| First-Class Package International Service® (1 lb.) | \$15.20 and up | \$14.73 and up | \$0.47 and up |

* Retail/Post Office Rate: Prices paid when going to the Post Office to purchase postage



FIRST-CLASS MAIL

(Letters, Postcards and Flats)

First-Class Mail is a service that delivers envelopes weighing up to 3.5 ounces and flats up to 13 ounces. This service is ideal and cost-effective for letters, bills, large envelopes, and postcards. This mail class offers delivery between one and three days within the U.S.

WHEN TO USE

Use First-Class Mail if your mailpiece is less than 13 ounces and doesn't need overnight delivery or USPS Tracking™.

CHANGES TO FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN 2018

Letter Rates

The First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) retail rate will increase 1 cent to \$0.50 from \$0.49 in 2017. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.21 (no change from 2017).

Online Postage

For those who print postage online or on a postage meter, the "Metered Mail" rate for a First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) will increase by 1 cent to \$0.47 from \$0.46 in 2017.

First-Class Mail International Flats

Merchandise is no longer allowed to be shipped in First-Class Mail International Flats.

Postcards

Postcard rates will increase 1 cent to \$0.35.

| First-Class Mail Letter | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | Increase |
| First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) | \$0.50 | \$0.49 | \$0.01 |
| Metered Mail (1 oz.) - Online Postage Providers and Postage Meters | \$0.47 | \$0.46 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Mail Letter - each additional ounce | \$0.21 | \$0.21 | NO CHANGE |
| First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.) | \$1.00 | \$0.98 | \$0.02 |
| First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope - each additional ounce | \$0.21 | \$0.21 | NO CHANGE |
| First-Class Mail International Letter (1 oz.) | \$1.15 | \$1.15 | NO CHANGE |
| First-Class Mail International Flats (1 oz.) | \$2.29 | \$2.29 | NO CHANGE |
| Postcard | \$0.35 | \$0.34 | \$0.01 |



PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS

Priority Mail Express is the fastest service the USPS offers. It provides regular and overnight delivery to most U.S. addresses, including P.O. Boxes. This mail class offers delivery between one and two days in the U.S. with a maximum allowable package weight of 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Use Priority Mail Express when you need a mailpiece delivered as fast as possible, regardless of price.

CHANGES TO PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Priority Mail Express rates will start at \$21.98 for online postage customers in 2018, compared to \$21.18 in 2017.

Online Discounts

The maximum discount off retail rates is 13% when buying Priority Mail Express online.

| Priority Mail Express | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelope | \$24.70 | \$23.75 | \$21.98 | \$21.18 |
| Priority Mail Express Padded Flat Rate Envelope | \$25.40 | \$24.95 | \$22.46 | \$21.64 |
| Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Legal Envelope | \$24.90 | \$23.95 | \$22.09 | \$21.28 |
| Priority Mail Express (0.5 lb.) | \$24.70 and up | \$23.75 and up | \$21.98 and up | \$21.18 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (1 lb.) | \$24.70 and up | \$23.75 and up | \$21.98 and up | \$21.18 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (2 lb.) | \$24.70 and up | \$23.75 and up | \$21.98 and up | \$21.18 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (3 lb.) | \$24.70 and up | \$23.85 and up | \$21.98 and up | \$21.18 and up |



PRIORITY MAIL

Priority Mail is an expedited service that provides delivery anywhere in the U.S. within two to three days. The maximum allowable package weight for this mail class is 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Use Priority Mail if you are shipping more than 1 pound, specifically if you want fast delivery for a low price.

CHANGES TO PRIORITY MAIL IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Priority Mail rates will start at \$6.55 for online postage customers in 2018, compared to \$5.95 in 2017.

Online Discounts

The maximum discount off retail rates is 39% when buying Priority Mail online.

| Priority Mail | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope | \$6.70 | \$6.65 | \$6.55 | \$5.95 |
| Priority Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope | \$7.25 | \$7.20 | \$7.10 | \$6.50 |
| Priority Mail Flat Rate Legal Envelope | \$7.00 | \$6.95 | \$6.85 | \$6.25 |
| Priority Mail Small Flat Rate Box | \$7.20 | \$7.15 | \$7.05 | \$6.45 |
| Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Box | \$13.65 | \$13.60 | \$12.85 | \$12.40 |
| Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box | \$18.90 | \$18.85 | \$17.65 | \$17.05 |
| Priority Mail APO/FPO/DPO Large Flat Rate Box | \$17.40 | \$17.35 | \$16.15 | \$15.55 |
| Priority Mail Regional Rate Box A | \$9.35 and up | \$8.77 and up | \$7.10 and up | \$6.52 and up |
| Priority Mail Regional Rate Box B | \$9.66 and up | \$9.42 and up | \$7.41 and up | \$7.17 and up |
| Priority Mail (1 lb.) | \$6.70 and up | \$6.65 and up | \$6.55 and up | \$5.95 and up |
| Priority Mail (2 lb.) | \$7.25 and up | \$7.20 and up | \$7.10 and up | \$6.52 and up |
| Priority Mail (3 lb.) | \$7.90 and up | \$7.80 and up | \$7.20 and up | \$6.61 and up |



FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE (Parcels)

First-Class Package Service is a fast, affordable delivery service for packages weighing up to 15.99 ounces. This mail class offers one to three day delivery within the U.S.

WHEN TO USE

Use First-Class Package Service if your package is 15.99 ounces or less.

CHANGES TO FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase in 2018

First-Class Package Service rates will start at \$2.66 (previously at \$2.61) for online postage customers in 2018.

Online Discounts

For the purchase of First-Class Package Service postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 26% (previously 18%).

| First-Class Package Service | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| First-Class Package Service (3 oz.) | \$3.50 | \$2.67 | \$2.66 | \$2.61 |
| First-Class Package Service (6 oz.) | \$3.75 | \$3.03 | \$2.92 | \$2.77 |
| First-Class Package Service (9 oz.) | \$4.10 | \$3.57 | \$3.34 | \$3.32 |
| First-Class Package Service (12 oz.) | \$5.15 | \$4.11 | \$3.82 | \$3.74 |
| First-Class Package Service (15.99 oz.) | Not Available | Not Available | \$4.94 | \$4.30 |



PARCEL SELECT GROUND

(Non-Presort)

Large- and medium-sized shippers looking for an economical ground delivery service use Parcel Select Ground. The mail class offers the lowest cost option from the USPS for ground delivery. Distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece determine the price. Parcel Select Ground offers U.S. delivery within two to eight days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for Parcel Select Ground is 70 lbs.

WHEN TO USE

Use Parcel Select Ground if low shipping rates are more important than delivery speed.

CHANGES TO PARCEL SELECT GROUND IN 2018

4.9% Average Rate Increase

Parcel Select Ground rates will start at \$6.55 for online postage customers.

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| Parcel Select Ground | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | Increase |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Parcel Select Ground (1 lb.) | \$6.55 and up | \$5.95 and up | \$0.60 and up |
| Parcel Select Ground (2 lb.) | \$7.10 and up | \$6.52 and up | \$0.58 and up |
| Parcel Select Ground (3 lb.) | \$7.20 and up | \$6.61 and up | \$0.59 and up |
| Parcel Select Ground (4 lb.) | \$7.31 and up | \$6.83 and up | \$0.48 and up |
| Parcel Select Ground (5 lb.) | \$7.41 and up | \$7.17 and up | \$0.24 and up |



Tip: Use Parcel Select Ground to Save on Heavy Items

When cost savings are all-important, Parcel Select Ground is your best option for shipping heavy items.

FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE - RETAIL

(formerly known as USPS Retail Ground)

USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail is a low-cost ground service for less-than-urgent deliveries and oversized packages. Distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece determine the price. This mail class offers U.S. delivery within two to eight days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail packages is 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Use USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail if your shipment is ineligible for Media Mail, low shipping rates are more important than speed, and your package weighs over 10 pounds.

CHANGES TO FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE - RETAIL IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

First-Class Package Service - Retail will start at \$6.65.

Restrictions

You can only buy USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail at the Post Office.

| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | Increase |
| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail (1 lb.) | \$6.70 and up | \$6.65 and up | \$0.05 and up |
| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail (2 lb.) | \$7.25 and up | \$7.20 and up | \$0.05 and up |
| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail (3 lb.) | \$7.90 and up | \$7.80 and up | \$0.10 and up |
| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail (4 lb.) | \$8.50 and up | \$8.50 and up | \$0.00 and up |
| USPS First-Class Package Service - Retail (5 lb.) | \$9.85 and up | \$9.85 and up | \$0.00 and up |



MEDIA MAIL

Media Mail is a service restricted to the delivery of books, film, audio and other recorded media. This mail class offers U.S. delivery within two to ten days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for Media Mail is 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Use Media Mail if you're sending media-specific items as defined by the USPS and longer transit times are acceptable.

CHANGES TO MEDIA MAIL IN 2018

1.9% Average Rate Increase

Media Mail rates will start at \$2.66 (previously at \$2.63).

| | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Media Mail | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | Increase |
| Media Mail (1 lb.) | \$2.66 | \$2.63 | \$0.03 |
| Media Mail (2 lb.) | \$3.17 | \$3.12 | \$0.05 |
| Media Mail (3 lb.) | \$3.68 | \$3.61 | \$0.07 |
| Media Mail (4 lb.) | \$4.19 | \$4.10 | \$0.09 |
| Media Mail (5 lb.) | \$4.70 | \$4.59 | \$0.11 |



GLOBAL EXPRESS GUARANTEED

Global Express Guaranteed is the USPS' fastest international service. This service offers date-specific delivery in one to three business days* to over 190 countries. FedEx manages transportation and delivery. The maximum allowable package weight for this mail class is 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Global Express Guaranteed is the only USPS option if you need a package delivered internationally within one to three business days.

CHANGES TO GLOBAL EXPRESS GUARANTEED IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Global Express Guaranteed rates will start at \$61.28 (previously \$58.90) for online postage customers in 2018.

| Global Express Guaranteed | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Global Express Guaranteed (0.5 lb.) | \$64.50 and up | \$62.00 and up | \$61.28 and up | \$58.90 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (1 lb.) | \$77.15 and up | \$74.25 and up | \$73.29 and up | \$70.54 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (2 lb.) | \$82.45 and up | \$79.35 and up | \$78.33 and up | \$75.38 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (3 lb.) | \$87.75 and up | \$84.45 and up | \$83.36 and up | \$80.23 and up |



PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL

Priority Mail Express International offers delivery to over 190 countries within three to five days. This mail class offers date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee* when shipping to select countries. The maximum allowable package weight for Priority Mail Express International is 70 pounds.

WHEN TO USE

Use Priority Mail Express International for shipments you need to deliver in three to five days. This service is especially useful if the destination qualifies for date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee.

CHANGES TO PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Priority Mail Express International rates will start at \$40.38 for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

For the purchase of Priority Mail Express International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will stay at 5%.

| Priority Mail Express International | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Express Intl (0.5 lb.) | \$42.50 and up | \$40.95 and up | \$40.38 and up | \$38.90 and up |
| Priority Mail Express Intl (1 lb.) | \$46.45 and up | \$44.75 and up | \$44.13 and up | \$42.51 and up |
| Priority Mail Express Intl (2 lb.) | \$51.40 and up | \$49.50 and up | \$48.83 and up | \$47.03 and up |
| Priority Mail Express Intl (3 lb.) | \$56.35 and up | \$54.25 and up | \$53.53 and up | \$51.54 and up |
| Priority Mail Express Intl Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada | \$43.00 | \$41.50 | \$40.85 | \$39.45 |
| Priority Mail Express Intl Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries | \$59.75 | \$57.50 | \$56.75 | \$54.65 |



PRIORITY MAIL INTERNATIONAL

Priority Mail International is an international, cost effective service that delivers mailpieces and packages weighing up to 70 pounds to over 190 countries. This mail class offers international delivery in six to ten days.

WHEN TO USE

Use Priority Mail International if you have time-sensitive shipments that must be delivered in 6–10 business days.

CHANGES TO PRIORITY MAIL INTERNATIONAL IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Priority Mail International rates will start at \$31.35 for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

For the purchase of Priority Mail International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will stay at 5%.

| Priority Mail International | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Intl (1 lb.) - Canada | \$33.00 and up | \$31.75 and up | \$31.35 and up | \$30.16 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl (1 lb.) - Other Countries | \$40.25 and up | \$38.75 and up | \$38.24 and up | \$36.81 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl (2 lb.) - Canada | \$35.65 and up | \$34.30 and up | \$33.87 and up | \$32.59 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl (2 lb.) - Other Countries | \$43.90 and up | \$42.30 and up | \$41.71 and up | \$40.19 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl (3 lb.) - Canada | \$38.30 and up | \$36.85 and up | \$36.39 and up | \$35.01 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl (3 lb.) - Other Countries | \$47.55 and up | \$45.85 and up | \$45.17 and up | \$43.56 and up |
| Priority Mail Intl Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada | \$24.95 | \$23.95 | \$23.70 | \$22.75 |
| Priority Mail Intl Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries | \$31.00 | \$29.95 | \$29.45 | \$28.45 |
| Priority Mail Intl Small Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$25.95 | \$24.95 | \$24.65 | \$23.70 |
| Priority Mail Intl Small Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$32.25 | \$30.95 | \$30.65 | \$29.40 |
| Priority Mail Intl Medium Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$47.75 | \$45.95 | \$45.35 | \$43.65 |
| Priority Mail Intl Medium Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$69.50 | \$66.95 | \$66.00 | \$63.60 |
| Priority Mail Intl Large Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$62.35 | \$59.95 | \$59.25 | \$56.95 |
| Priority Mail Intl Large Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$90.50 | \$86.95 | \$85.95 | \$82.60 |



FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

First-Class Package International Service is the USPS' most affordable international service for the delivery of small packages to over 190 countries. The maximum weight for this mail class is four pounds, and delivery time varies by destination.

WHEN TO USE

Use First-Class Package International Service if you are shipping small, inexpensive items such as books, health and beauty products, clothing, or accessories weighing under four pounds.

CHANGES TO FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN 2018

3.9% Average Rate Increase

Online postage rates for First-Class Package International Service will start at \$15.20 for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

Online postage customers will continue to receive discounts of up to 5% on their First-Class Package International Service packages.

| First-Class Package International Service | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 1 Canada (1 lb.) | \$16.00 | \$15.50 | \$15.20 | \$14.73 |
| First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 2 Mexico (1 lb.) | \$21.50 | \$20.75 | \$20.43 | \$19.71 |
| First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 3 - 5 Asia, Europe, Australia (1 lb.) | \$23.00 and up | \$22.25 and up | \$22.33 and up | \$21.14 and up |
| First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 6 - 9 Other Countries (1 lb.) | \$23.25 and up | \$22.00 and up | \$21.61 and up | \$20.90 and up |



USPS SPECIAL SERVICES

CHANGES TO USPS SPECIAL SERVICES IN 2018

| Special Services | 2018 Postage Rates | POST OFFICE/RETAIL RATES | | STAMPS.COM RATES | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates | 2018 Postage Rates | 2017 Postage Rates |
| Certified Mail | Provides proof of mailing at time of mailing and the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery. Purchasing Certified Mail service allows customers to then purchase Restricted Delivery service or a Return Receipt. | \$3.45 | \$3.35 | \$3.45 | \$3.35 |
| Registered Mail | Provides the sender with a mailing receipt and, upon request, electronic verification that an article was delivered. The most secure service that the USPS offers. | \$11.90 and up | \$11.70 and up | \$11.90 and up | \$11.70 and up |
| USPS Tracking | Provides the mailer with information about the date and time an article was delivered. This service is FREE on Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First Class Package Service and Parcel Select packages when you use Stamps.com. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Signature Confirmation | Provides the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery and the name of the person who signed for the item. | \$3.00 | \$2.90 | \$2.55 | \$2.45 |
| Return Receipt (mail) | Provides a mailer with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery), along with information about the recipient's actual delivery address. | \$2.75 | \$2.75 | \$2.75 | \$2.75 |
| Return Receipt (electronic) | Provides a mailer with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery), along with information about the recipient's actual delivery address. | \$1.50 | \$1.45 | \$1.50 | \$1.45 |
| Restricted Delivery | Restricted Delivery service ensures that only a specified person will receive a piece of mail. This service is only available if you also purchase Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD, or Registered Mail. | \$5.05 | \$4.95 | \$5.05 | \$4.95 |
| Adult Signature - (Basic) | Provides electronic confirmation of the delivery or attempted delivery of the mailpiece and, upon request, the recipient's signature. Recipient must furnish proof of age via a driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification that lists age or date of birth prior to delivery. | \$6.10 | \$5.90 | \$6.10 | \$5.90 |
| Adult Signature - (Person Specific) | Provides the same service as Adult Signature Required with the additional restriction of limiting delivery to a specific addressee or authorized agent who is 21 years of age or older. If the specific addressee is not 21 years of age or older, the mailpiece will be returned to sender. | \$6.35 | \$6.15 | \$6.35 | \$6.15 |



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON 2018 POSTAGE RATE INCREASE

When do the new USPS rates start?

The 2018 USPS postage rate increase goes into effect on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

When printing postage online for letters, do I get a discounted rate?

Yes, customers who print postage using Stamps.com save 3 cents per letter, paying only \$0.47 instead of \$0.50 (Post Office rate). This discount is known as the "Metered Mail rate" and is available for all postage printed using an approved PC Postage/online postage vendor such as Stamps.com or through a postage meter.

I printed \$0.46 "Metered Mail rate" NetStamps with Stamps.com in 2017. Can I use those NetStamps in 2018?

Since the "Metered Mail" is now \$0.47 to send a one-ounce First-Class letter, you will need to add additional postage worth \$0.01 to your letter.

When printing shipping labels online, do I get a discounted rate?

Yes, customers who print postage online automatically qualify for discounted shipping rates (known as Commercial Base pricing) when

purchasing Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express or First Class Package Service using Stamps.com or any online postage vendor. These rates are automatically calculated when you print a shipping label inside the Stamps.com platform.

Can I ship a 1 lb. item (16 ounces) using First Class Package Service?

No, the maximum weight for First Class Package Service is 15.999 ounces. It's important to note that 15.999 ounces is lower than 1 lb. (16 ounces). When packages that use First Class Package Service are determined to weigh 16 ounces or more, the USPS will automatically increase the mail service to Priority Mail, and the additional cost will be taken out of your Stamps.com account. This process is conducted by the USPS using their Automated Package Verification system that was implemented in August 2017.

What is Automated Package Verification?

Automated Package Verification (also known as APV) uses mail processing equipment to automatically scan a package's weight, dimensions of the box and the amount of postage paid, checking for any errors or discrepancies. If an error is discovered (i.e. box is bigger or package weighs more than inputted),

the USPS will invoice the customer for the correct payment due (postage adjustment). Postage adjustments will be made to your Stamps.com postage balance automatically, ensuring a smoother delivery process for you and your recipients.

Are online postage rates for Priority Mail decreasing in 2018?

Yes, for certain weight and zone combinations, the price for Priority Mail will be lower than what it was in 2017. Most of these rate decreases are Zone specific for packages weighing between 3 lbs. to 5 lbs, and for Zone 3 for packages weighing between 44 lbs. to 59 lbs.

I am a Stamps.com customer. Do I need to take any actions to get the new rates after January 21, 2018?

No, if you are a Stamps.com customer, you do not need to take any action. Stamps.com will automatically update all USPS rates inside the software and web-based version (Stamps.com Online) on Sunday, January 21, 2018.



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