

January 2019 Release

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JANUARY 2019 PRICE CHANGE UPDATES:

The Postal Service approved a price change effective January 27, 2019, which will affect all mail classes and special services. A complete list of the proposed price changes are noted in the Notice 123, <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>. The proposed implementation of Dimensional weight pricing to all zones for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and Parcel Select has been deferred and will become effective June 23, 2019. Balloon rate pricing for Priority Mail and Parcel Select has been eliminated effective January 27, 2019.

The proposed price change applies to all hardcopy postage statements, <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>, and electronic file submissions, including Shipping Services Files (SSF), mail.dat and mail.XML. Refer to the January 2019 Release Overview 48.0.0.0 for a complete list of proposed changes: https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.53251502.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865.

FIRST-CLASS MAIL®

SINGLE PIECE	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Stamp Price 1 Oz.	\$0.50	\$0.55
Single Piece Additional Ounce	\$0.21	\$0.15
Meter Price 1 Oz.	\$0.47	\$0.50
Single-Piece Flats 1 Oz.	\$1.00	\$1.00
Single-Piece Cards	\$0.35	\$0.35

PRESORT MAIL	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Mixed AADC Automation Letters	\$0.424	\$0.428
AADC Automation Letters	\$0.408	\$0.412
5-Digit Automation Letters	\$0.378	\$0.383
Mixed ADC Automation Flats	\$0.705	\$0.727
3-Digit Automation Flats	\$0.593	\$0.605
5-Digit Automation Flats	\$0.474	\$0.486

MARKETING MAIL®

COMMERCIAL ORIGIN	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.251	\$0.256
Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.393	\$0.405
Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.295	\$0.300
High Density/Saturation Letters (Saturation Letter entered at Origin)	\$0.186	\$0.190
High Density/Saturation Flats (Saturation Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.219	\$0.224
EDDM-Retail	\$0.178	\$0.187

NONPROFIT ORIGIN	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.136	\$0.138
Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.227	\$0.231
Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.213	\$0.216
High Density/Saturation Letters (Saturation Letter entered at Origin)	\$0.111	\$0.111
High Density/Saturation Flats (Saturation Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.136	\$0.136

COMMERCIAL AUTO LETTERS	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Mixed Origin	\$0.287	\$0.291
5-Digit Origin	\$0.251	\$0.256
5-Digit DNDC	\$0.227	\$0.234
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.220	\$0.228
HD DSCF	\$0.172	\$0.184
Saturation Origin	\$0.186	\$0.190
Saturation DNDC	\$0.164	\$0.170
Saturation DSCF	\$0.158	\$0.165

NONPROFIT AUTO LETTERS	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Mixed Origin	\$0.172	\$0.173
5-Digit Origin	\$0.136	\$0.138
5-Digit DNDC	\$0.112	\$0.116
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.105	\$0.110
HD DSCF*	\$0.090	\$0.099
Saturation Origin	\$0.111	\$0.111
Saturation DNDC	\$0.089	\$0.091
Saturation DSCF	\$0.083	\$0.086

POUND-RATE COMMERCIAL FLATS REV/PC – 8 OZ. AUTO FLATS	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.511	\$0.525
C-R Basic DSCF	\$0.393	\$0.400
Pure C-R DSCF	\$0.374	\$0.379
Pure C-R DDU	\$0.352	\$0.360
HD DSCF	\$0.293	\$0.311
HD+ DSCF	\$0.272	\$0.293
Saturation DSCF	\$0.264	\$0.285
Saturation DDU	\$0.246	\$0.251

COMMERCIAL AUTO FLATS	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.340	\$0.352
C-R Basic DSCF	\$0.257	\$0.262
Pure C-R DSCF	\$0.238	\$0.241
Pure C-R DDU	\$0.227	\$0.232
HD DSCF (125 pieces)	\$0.194	\$0.205
HD+ DSCF (300 pieces)	\$0.173	\$0.187
Saturation DSCF (90%)	\$0.165	\$0.179
Saturation DDU (90%)	\$0.156	\$0.161

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PACKAGE SERVICES

PRODUCT	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Media Mail/Library Mail	2.95%
Alaska Bypass	2.21%
Bound Printed Matter	
Flats- Overall	2.47%
Origin – Carrier Route	0.81%
DSCF – Carrier Route	3.11%
DDU – Carrier Route	0.74%
Parcels - Overall	2.22%
Origin - Basic Presort	1.51%
DSCF - Basic Presort	3.22%
DDU - Basic Presort	2.12%

PERIODICALS

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Outside County	2.54%
Inside County	2.02%

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

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Priority Mail	5.9%
Priority Mail Express	3.9%
Parcel Select Non-Lightweight (destination entered)	9.3%
Parcel Select Ground	-1.3%
Parcel Select Lightweight (PSLW)	12.3%
First-Class Package Service (FCPS)	12.3%
Retail Ground	3.9%
Parcel Return Service (PRS)	6.8%
International	5.1%

EXTRA SERVICES

PRODUCT	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
PO Boxes™	4.0%
Certified Mail®	1.5%
Return Receipt	2.9%
Certificate of Mailing	3.1%
Address Correction Service	1.5%

PERMIT AND ACCOUNT MAINTANANCE FEES	PRE 1/27/19	EFFECTIVE 1/27/19
Annual Permit Imprint Application Fee	\$225	\$235
Annual Mail Fees (Presort)	\$225	\$235
Periodicals Origin Entry	\$700	\$725
Annual Account Maintenance Fee (BRM)	\$690	\$710
Quarterly Fee (QBRM)	\$2350	\$2405

UPDATES TO POSTAGE STATEMENTS & ELECTRONIC MANIFESTS

MAIL CLASS	UPDATES (LINK TO FORMS: https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index LINK TO RELEASE: https://postalpro.usps.com/Releases/Jan2019Release_Price_Change)
First-Class Mail® and First Class Package Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3600 FCM changed to include zone based price cells in Part C. (Lines C1-C36: (Commercial Parcels (less than 16oz), Commercial Parcels-NSA, Commercial Parcels-NSA (16oz and over), Retail Parcels (13oz or less), Retail Parcels (13 oz or less) from USPS Marketing Mail)). SSF: Requires Entry Facility Zip Code, Destination Zip Code, and Domestic Zone Mail.dat: Requires the Zone value to be populated in the .cqt file Mail.XML: Require the PostageStatementCreateRequest zone to be populated
Priority Mail-Permit Imprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: 3600-PM modified for following lines - A18-A25: Remove "Balloon Price" column; A18-A20: Include grey shading within "Dim-Weight Price" column; D17-D24: Remove "Balloon Price" column; and D17-D19: include grey shading with "Dim-Weight Price" column. SSF: Eliminate Balloon rate indicator "BN". Mail.dat: No changes. Mail.XML: No changes.
Priority Mail Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3560 (system generated) changed to eliminate Hold for Pickup and to add Dimensional rate price cells for all zones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part B and Part D eliminated. Current Part C Priority Mail Express - NSA Only becomes Part B Priority Mail Express - NSA Only. Current Part E Tote Pickup becomes Part C Tote Pickup. Part A: Dimensional rate price cells for lines A12-A19 (Priority Mail Express - Local, Zones 1-9) will be greyed out. Part B: Dimensional rate price cells for lines B12-B19 (Priority Mail Express - NSA Only - Local, Zones 1-9) will be greyed out.
Package Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3605 modified for the following lines - C20-C32: replace "Balloon" description with "Dimensional", and include grey shading; D17-D24: replace "Balloon" description with "Dimensional" and include grey shading. PS form 3605 for Parcel Select Ground mail will replace Balloon pricing with Dimensional pricing for Zones 1-9, and will include grey shading. SSF: Eliminate Balloon rate indicators, "B3" and "BN". Mail.dat: No changes. Mail.XML: No changes.
International Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3700 updated max. weight for Part A First-Class Mail International Flats from 4 lbs to 15.994 oz. (Lines A3-A12).
USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters, Cards, or Flats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-EZ form name updated from "USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters, Cards, or Flats" to "USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters or Flats" updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.
Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Easy-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-NZ prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.
USPS Marketing Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-R prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.
Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-N prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.
Periodicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postage Statements: PS Form 3541 prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.



FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICES (FCPS):

On January 27, 2019 FCPS will change from a weight based pricing structure to a zone and weight based pricing structure. Table 1 below shows the pre 1/27/19 Notice 123 based on weight based pricing (in ounces). Table 2 below shows the proposed effective 1/27/19 Notice 123 pricing based on weight and zones. Postal zones are based on the distance a package travels from origin to destination. A listing of zone locations by entry location can be found, <https://postcalc.usps.com/DomesticZoneChart>

The price change will result in corresponding changes to both hardcopy postage statements and electronic file submissions. Hardcopy statement changes include changes to pricing cells in support of zone-based pricing for FCPS. A complete list of postage statement updates can be found at, <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>

Shipping Services Files (SSF) will require Entry Facility Zip Code, Destination Zip Code, Domestic Zone information. A complete list of SSF changes can be found at, https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865

Changes to Mail.dat and Mail.XML include eDoc to require Zone value to map to correct prices. A complete list of Mail.dat and Mail.XML changes can be found at, https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865.

First-Class Package Service	
Commercial—Parcels	
Weight Not Over (oz.) ^{3,4}	Single Piece
1	\$2.66
2	2.66
3	2.66
4	2.66
5	2.79

TABLE 1 : PRE 1/27/19

Weight Not Over (ounces)	Zones							
	1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
1	2.66	2.68	2.70	2.76	2.84	2.96	3.09	3.09
2	2.66	2.68	2.70	2.76	2.84	2.96	3.09	3.09
3	2.66	2.68	2.70	2.76	2.84	2.96	3.09	3.09
4	2.66	2.68	2.70	2.76	2.84	2.96	3.09	3.09
5	3.18	3.20	3.22	3.28	3.36	3.49	3.63	3.63

TABLE 2: EFFECTIVE 1/27/19



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POSTALPRO™ (<http://postalpro.usps.com>)

For price files and postage statement changes go to: <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>

Prices

- January 2019 Price File (proposed) (revised 10-15-2018) – Excel
- January 2019 Price File (proposed) (revised 10-15-2018) – CSV
- January 2019 Price File (proposed) (revised 10-15-2018) - PDF
- January 2019 Price Files Change Log (revised 10-15-2018)

Postage Statements

- January 2019 List of Postage Statement Changes (proposed) (revised 10-10-2018)
- January 2019 Postage Statements – Redline (revised 10-10-2018)

Federal Register Notice :

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-17/pdf/2018-22474.pdf>

Publication updates:

Draft Publication 199-Intelligent Mail® Package Barcode (IMpb) Implementation Guide:

https://postalpro.usps.com/pub199_draft

Draft Publication 205-Guide to eVS:

https://postalpro.usps.gov/pub205_draft

Draft Publication 401-Guide to the Manifest Mailing System:

https://postalpro.usps.gov/pub401_draft

For eDoc specifications follow the links below:

mail.dat: <https://postalpro.usps.com/maildattechspecs48>

mail.XML: <https://postalpro.usps.com/mailxmltechspecs48>

For eDoc validations follow the links below:

mail.dat: https://postalpro.usps.com/maildat_validations_r48

mail.XML: https://postalpro.usps.com/mailxml_validations_r48

2019 Price Change Webinar: <https://postalpro.usps.com/node/5687>