



## USPS Rate Change Effective January 26, 2020

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On December 12, 2019 the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) approved a rate change for First-Class® Mail rates (market dominant rates). Previously they had approved the shipping rates (market competitive rates) for Priority Mail®, Priority Mail Express®, Parcel Select® and First-Class Package Service®.

A big takeaway is that the First Class Mail® rates are staying the same with stamps still costing 55 cents. In addition, postage meters will continue to save 5 cents, or 9% over stamps.

Below are highlights for the upcoming January 26, 2020, rate change.

### First-Class Mail® Rates

First-Class® Letter rates will remain unchanged. However, the additional ounce for large envelopes (flats) increases from \$.15 to \$.20.

Product	Current	New	Change
Letters with stamps (1 oz.)	55 cents	55 cents	0%
Letters – metered (1 oz.)	50 cents	50 cents	0%
Large Envelopes (1 oz.)	\$1.00	\$1.00	0%
Additional ounces letters (up to 3.5 oz.)	15 cents	15 cents	0%
Additional ounces large envelopes (up to 13 oz.)	15 cents	20 cents	33.3% *
Domestic Postcards	35 cents	35 cents	0%

\* Important to note that the additional ounce recently lowered from \$.21 to \$.15 in the last rate change (Jan 2019). The USPS® is re-adjusting the additional ounce to better reflect the cost of processing large envelopes (flats) while retaining the reduced rate for letter mail.

### Priority Mail® Rates

Priority Mail® rates will increase by 4.1% while Flat Rate products will increase from 4.9% to 6.2%.

Product	Current	New	Change
Small Flat-Rate Box	\$7.90	\$8.30	5.1%
Medium Flat-Rate Box	\$14.35	\$15.05	4.9%
Large Flat-Rate Box	\$19.95	\$21.10	5.8%
APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box	\$18.45	\$19.60	6.2%
Regular Flat-Rate Envelope	\$7.35	\$7.75	5.4%
Legal Flat-Rate Envelope	\$7.65	\$8.05	5.2%
Padded Flat-Rate Envelope	\$8.00	\$8.40	5.0%

### Priority Mail Express® Rates

The Priority Mail Express® rates will increase by 3.5% while Flat Rate products will increase from 16.2-16.3%.

Product	Current	New	Change
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Flat Rate Envelope	\$22.68	\$26.35	16.2%
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$22.80	\$26.50	16.2%
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$23.18	\$26.95	16.3%

## Extra Services Rates

The extra services price changes are:

Service	Current	New	Change
Certificate of Mailing	\$1.45	\$1.50	3.4%
Certified Mail	\$3.50	\$3.55	1.4%
Certified Mailing Restricted Delivery	\$8.80	\$9.00	2.3%
Return Receipt	\$2.80	\$2.85	1.8%
Return Receipt Electronic	\$1.60	\$1.70	6.2%
Registered Mail	\$12.40	\$12.60	1.6%

The Postal Service has some of the lowest letter mail postage rates in the industrialized world and also continues to offer a great value in shipping. Unlike some other shippers, the Postal Service does not add surcharges for fuel, residential delivery, or regular Saturday or holiday season delivery. To access the most updated rate change information, visit FP's [Rate Change Center](#).

### Resources:

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