

# January 2019 Release

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### JANUARY 2019 PRICE CHANGE UPDATES:

The Postal Service has proposed 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 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](https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.53251502.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865).

FIRST-CLASS MAIL®

SINGLE PIECE	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19	PRESORT MAIL	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19
Stamp Price 1 Oz.	\$0.50	\$0.55	Mixed AADC Automation Letters	\$0.424	\$0.428
Single Piece Additional Ounce	\$0.21	\$0.15	AADC Automation Letters	\$0.408	\$0.412
Meter Price 1 Oz.	\$0.47	\$0.50	5-Digit Automation Letters	\$0.378	\$0.383
Single-Piece Flats 1 Oz.	\$1.00	\$1.00	Mixed ADC Automation Flats*	\$0.705	\$0.727
Single-Piece Cards	\$0.35	\$0.35	3-Digit Automation Flats*	\$0.593	\$0.605
			5-Digit Automation Flats*	\$0.474	\$0.486

MARKETING MAIL®

COMMERCIAL ORIGIN	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19	NONPROFIT ORIGIN	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19
Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.251	\$0.256	Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.136	\$0.138
Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.393	\$0.405	Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.227	\$0.231
Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.295	\$0.300	Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.213	\$0.216
High Density/Saturation Letters (Saturation Letter entered at Origin)	\$0.186	\$0.190	High Density/Saturation Letters (Saturation Letter entered at Origin)	\$0.111	\$0.111
High Density/Saturation Flats (Saturation Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.219	\$0.224	High Density/Saturation Flats (Saturation Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.136	\$0.136
EDDM-Retail	\$0.178	\$0.187			

  

COMMERCIAL AUTO LETTERS	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19	NONPROFIT AUTO LETTERS	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19
Mixed Origin	\$0.287	\$0.291	Mixed Origin	\$0.172	\$0.173
5-Digit Origin	\$0.251	\$0.256	5-Digit Origin	\$0.136	\$0.138
5-Digit DNDC	\$0.227	\$0.234	5-Digit DNDC	\$0.112	\$0.116
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.220	\$0.228	5-Digit DSCF	\$0.105	\$0.110
HD DSCF	\$0.172	\$0.184	HD DSCF*	\$0.090	\$0.099
Saturation Origin	\$0.186	\$0.190	Saturation Origin	\$0.111	\$0.111
Saturation DNDC	\$0.164	\$0.170	Saturation DNDC	\$0.089	\$0.091
Saturation DSCF	\$0.158	\$0.165	Saturation DSCF	\$0.083	\$0.086

  

POUND-RATE COMMERCIAL FLATS REV/PC – 8 OZ. AUTO FLATS	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19	COMMERCIAL AUTO FLATS	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19
5-Digit DSCF	\$0.511	\$0.525	5-Digit DSCF	\$0.340	\$0.352
C-R Basic DSCF	\$0.393	\$0.400	C-R Basic DSCF	\$0.257	\$0.262
Pure C-R DSCF	\$0.374	\$0.379	Pure C-R DSCF	\$0.238	\$0.241
Pure C-R DDU	\$0.352	\$0.360	Pure C-R DDU	\$0.227	\$0.232
HD DSCF	\$0.293	\$0.311	HD DSCF (125 pieces)	\$0.194	\$0.205
HD+ DSCF	\$0.272	\$0.293	HD+ DSCF (300 pieces)	\$0.173	\$0.187
Saturation DSCF	\$0.264	\$0.285	Saturation DSCF (90%)	\$0.165	\$0.179
Saturation DDU	\$0.246	\$0.251	Saturation DDU (90%)	\$0.156	\$0.161

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### PACKAGE SERVICES

PRODUCT	POST 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

PERIODICALS	POST 1/27/19
Outside County	2.54%
Inside County	2.02%

### COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS	POST 1/27/19
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	POST 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 MAINTENANCE FEES	PRE 1/27/19	POST 1/27/19
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: <a href="https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index">https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index</a>   LINK TO RELEASE: <a href="https://postalpro.usps.com/Releases/Jan2019Release_Price_Change">https://postalpro.usps.com/Releases/Jan2019Release_Price_Change</a> )
First-Class Mail® and First Class Package Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)).</li> <li>SSF: Requires Entry Facility Zip Code, Destination Zip Code, and Domestic Zone</li> <li>Mail.dat: Requires the Zone value to be populated in the .cqt file</li> <li>Mail.XML: Require the PostageStatementCreateRequest zone to be populated</li> </ul>
Priority Mail-Permit Imprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: 3600-PM changed to eliminate Balloon rate price cells and convert the price cells to Dimensional rates for all zones. (Part A lines A18-A20 and Part D lines D17-D19 (Local, Zones 1-3)).</li> <li>SSF: Requires Dimensions and the Dimensional Rate Indicator when claiming Dimensional rate price cells. Dimensions include: Length, Width, Height, and Dimensional Weight. Dimensional Rate Indicators include: DR (dimensional rectangular) or DN (dimensional non-rectangular).</li> <li>Mail.dat: Requires a D for Dimensional Weight to be populated in the .mpu MPU Surcharge field.</li> <li>Mail.XML: Requires a D for Dimensional Weight to be populated in the Surcharge Type field.</li> </ul>
Priority Mail Express	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>Part B and Part D eliminated.</li> <li>Current Part C Priority Mail Express - NSA Only becomes Part B Priority Mail Express - NSA Only.</li> <li>Current Part E Tote Pickup becomes Part C Tote Pickup.</li> <li>Part A updated to include Dimensional rate price cells for lines A12-A19 (Priority Mail Express - Local, Zones 1-9).</li> <li>Part B updated to include Dimensional rate price cells for lines B12-B19 (Priority Mail Express - NSA Only - Local, Zones 1-9).</li> </ul> </li> <li>SSF: Requires Dimensions and the Dimensional Rate Indicator when claiming Dimensional rate price cells. Dimensions include: Length, Width, Height, and Dimensional Weight. Dimensional Rate Indicators include: DR (dimensional rectangular) or DN (dimensional non-rectangular).</li> </ul>
Package Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: PS Form 3605 changed to eliminate Balloon rate price cells and convert the price cells to Dimensional rates for all zones. (Part C lines C20-C32 and Part D lines D17-D24).</li> <li>SSF: Requires Dimensions and the Dimensional Rate Indicator when claiming Dimensional rate price cells. Dimensions include: Length, Width, Height, and Dimensional Weight. Dimensional Rate Indicators include: DR (dimensional rectangular) or DN (dimensional non-rectangular).</li> <li>Mail.dat: Requires a D for Dimensional Weight to be populated in the .mpu MPU Surcharge field.</li> <li>Mail.XML: Requires a D for Dimensional Weight to be populated in the Surcharge Type field.</li> </ul>
International Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> </ul>
USPS Marketing Mail-Easy Nonautomation Letters, Cards, or Flats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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".</li> </ul>
Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Easy-Nonautomation Letters or Flats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-NZ prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.</li> </ul>
USPS Marketing Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-R prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.</li> </ul>
Nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: PS Form 3602-N prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.</li> </ul>
Periodicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postage Statements: PS Form 3541 prices updated to support January 2019 Price Change Release.</li> </ul>



FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICES (FCPS):

As proposed, 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 post 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 proposed 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](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](https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865).

First-Class Package Service	
Commercial—Parcels	
Weight Not Over (oz.) <sup>3,4</sup>	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: POST 1/27/19

PRIORITY MAIL, PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS, PARCEL SELECT AND PARCEL SELECT GROUND:

As proposed, on January 27 2019, Dimensional Weight pricing will be expanded to Priority Mail all zones (prior to January 27, 2019 only zones 5-9 were included), Priority Mail Express all zones and Parcel Select (Ground and Destination Entry) all zones. The Dimensional Weight divisor will change from 194 to 166. The proposal includes elimination of Balloon weight pricing for Priority Mail and Parcel Select (Ground and Destination Entry). Oversized Pricing will remain in effect for Parcel Select (Ground and Destination Entry) at DNDC's, DSCF's, and DDU's. Refer to page 5 for Dimensional Weight pricing details.

A complete list of the proposed prices for package products are noted in the Notice 123, <https://pe.usps.com/resources/PriceChange/January%202019%20-%20Notice123.pdf>.

The proposed price change will result in corresponding changes to both hardcopy postage statements and electronic file submissions. Hardcopy Postage Statement changes include elimination of balloon pricing for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and Parcel Select (Ground and Destination Entry) and Dimensional Weight pricing for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and Parcel Select. Tables 3 below shows the pre 1/27/19 Postage Statement changes to Priority Mail (PS Form 3600). Table 4 below shows the proposed post 1/27/19 Postage Statement Changes to Priority Mail (PS Form 3600). Table 5 shows the pre 1/27/19 Postage Statement changes to Parcel Select Destination ( PS Form 3605-R). Table 6 shows the proposed post 1/27/19 Postage Statement changes to Parcel Select Destination ( PS Form 3605-R). A complete list of postage statement changes can be found at, <https://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index>.

Shipping Services Files (SSF) will require Length, Width, Height and dimensional weight information as shown in the example for Priority Mail in table 7. A complete list of SSF changes can be found at, [https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?\\_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865](https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865)

Changes to Mail.dat and Mail.XML include populating the dimensions fields (length, width, and thickness) and the Surcharge field with a "D" for Dimensional Weight.. A complete list on Mail.dat and Mail.XML changes can be found at, [https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?\\_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865](https://postalpro.usps.com/releases/jan2019Release/overview?_ga=2.220030495.708383945.1539626627-767919477.1531514865)

Dimensional and Balloon Prices		No. of Pieces	Subtotal Postage	Discount Total	Fee Total	Total Postage
	Dim-Weight Price					
A18 Local, Zones 1 & 2						
A19 Zone 3						
A20 Zone 4						
A21 Zone 5						
A22 Zone 6						
A23 Zone 7						
A24 Zone 8						
A25 Zone 9						

TABLE 3 PS FORM 3600 PRIORITY MAIL: PRE 1/27/19

Dimensional Prices		No. of Pieces	Subtotal Postage	Discount Total	Fee Total	Total Postage
	Dim-Weight Price					
A18 Local, Zones 1 & 2						
A19 Zone 3						
A20 Zone 4						
A21 Zone 5						
A22 Zone 6						
A23 Zone 7						
A24 Zone 8						
A25 Zone 9						

TABLE 4 PS FORM 3600 PRIORITY MAIL: POST 1/27/19

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Table with 5 columns: Parcel Select, Zone, Entry, Machinable/Nonmachinable/Oversized/Balloon, Price, No. of Pieces. Rows include C20 through C32.

TABLE 5 PS FORM 3605-R PACKAGE SERVICES : PRE 1/27/19

Table with 10 columns: Parcel Select, Zone, Entry, Machinable/Nonmachinable/Oversized/Dimensional, Price, No. of Pieces, Subtotal Postage, Discount Total, Fee Total, Total Postage. Rows include C20 through C32.

TABLE 6 PS FORM 3605-R PACKAGE SERVICES : POST 1/27/19

The rate indicators highlighted as New shown in Table 7 identify required changes to the Shipping Services Files (SSF) for Priority Mail.

Table with 2 columns: Indicator, Description. Rows include Priority Mail Rate Indicators Dimensions (LxWxH) Required, Priority Mail Express Rate Indicators Dimensions Required, and Parcel Select Rate Indicators Dimensions Required.

TABLE 7 SSF: POST 1/27/19

SUBMISSION METHODS

RESOURCES

USPS.COM Postal Explorer (http://pe.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

PostalPro POSTALPRO (http://postalpro.usps.com)

- 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 vaillidations 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



# USPS Dimensional Pricing



	 <b>Cubic</b>	 <b>DIM weight</b>	 <b>Balloon</b>	 <b>Oversize</b>
<b>Rounding Rules</b>	Round down to quarter inch	Round to nearest whole inch	Round to nearest whole inch	Round to nearest whole inch
<b>Dimension Rules</b>	Rectangular & Non-rectangular Parcels $L*W*H / 1728 = \text{Cubic Tier}$ Tier 1 - up to 0.1 Tier 2 - up to 0.2 Tier 3 - up to 0.3 Tier 4 - up to 0.4 Tier 5 - up to 0.5  Softpack & Padded Envelopes $L+W = \text{Cubic Tier}$ Tier 1 - 0" - 21" Tier 2 - 21" - 27" Tier 3 - 27" - 31" Tier 4 - 31" - 34" Tier 5 - 34" - 36"	Volume > 1728 in Rectangular Parcels $\text{Rate weight} = (L*W*H) / 166$  Non-rectangular parcels $\text{Rate weight} = (L*W*H) * 0.785 / 166$	Length + Girth > 84 in. & < 108 in.	Length + Girth > 108 in. & < 130 in.
<b>Pricing Rules</b>	Unique product within Priority Mail Available for NSA and/or CPP pricing only	Charged greater of weight or DIM weight rate	Charged the 20 lb. rate for the appropriate zone	Exception rate
<b>Max Weight</b>	20 lbs.	70 lbs.	20 lbs.	70 lbs.
<b>Applicable Mail Classes</b>	Priority Mail	Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select	Retail Ground	Retail Ground, Parcel Select, Parcel Return Service:
<b>Applicable Zones</b>	Applicable for all zones	Applicable for all zones	Applicable for all zones	Applicable for all zones

Source: USPS DMM 123, 223, 401