



May 12, 2015

Dear ACS™ Participant:

On April 17 the U.S. Postal Service® announced a postage price increase effective May 31. The address correction fees associated with your participation in ACS will also be affected. For your planning purposes, we are providing the enclosed pricing chart that shows the electronic and automated address correction fees for ACS notices before and after May 31.

Additional pricing information effective May 31 for other postal products and services can be found on Postal Explorer at: <http://pe.usps.gov/>

The enclosed table lists fees for OneCode ACS® and Traditional ACS. OneCode ACS fees for letter mail are lower than Traditional ACS fees due to the ability to process this mail on our automated equipment.

Also announced for May 31<sup>st</sup> are the Forwarded Fees for Basic and Full Service Intelligent Mail® barcode (IMb) Standard Mail® letters and flats, and Bound Printed Matter flats. These prices will be charged when certain electronic or automated ACS ancillary services are requested.

Change Service Requested Option 2 will be available July 25 for Standard Mail and Bound Printed Matter. It is the first of the ancillary service options to charge the Forwarded Fee based on the shape of the mail. This ancillary service option is only available with ACS and requests that undeliverable mail due to a change-of-address on file be forwarded if possible or discarded as waste if not forwardable. An ACS notice will be provided in both cases. The Forwarded Fee will be charged only for those that were forwarded. This option requires the use of the IMb and ACS, and eliminates the weighted fee for return of the piece. The electronic or automated address correction fee will be charged when applicable.

The Service Type IDs (STID) and more information for these and other ancillary services are published on RIBBS® at: <https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=stids>.

Subscribe to the RSS feed to receive and alert when the new STIDs are posted.

After reviewing the attached documentation, please contact the ACS department via email at [acs@usps.gov](mailto:acs@usps.gov) with any questions. We may also be reached via phone at 877-640-0724 (Option 1), but due to the expected high call volume, we suggest you submit your questions via email so our representatives can provide a prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Wilson".

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## ACS Address Correction Fee Comparison Effective May 31, 2015

	<u>Current Fees</u>			<u>Fees Effective May 31, 2015</u>		
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice Automated Price	3 <sup>rd</sup> & Subsequent Notice Automated Price	All Notices Electronic Price	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Notice Automated Price	3 <sup>rd</sup> & Subsequent Notice Automated Price	All Notices Electronic Price
<b>Traditional ACS</b>						
First-Class Letter			\$0.11			\$0.12
First-Class Flat			\$0.11			\$0.12
Periodicals			\$0.31			\$0.32
Standard Mail Letter			\$0.31			\$0.32
Standard Mail Flat			\$0.31			\$0.32
Package Services			\$0.31			\$0.32
<b>OneCode ACS</b>						
First-Class Letter	\$0.04	\$0.11		\$0.05	\$0.12	
First-Class Flat			\$0.11			\$0.12
Periodicals			\$0.31			\$0.32
Standard Mail Letter	\$0.07	\$0.25		\$0.08	\$0.26	
Standard Mail Flat			\$0.31			\$0.32
Package Services			\$0.31			\$0.32

**Per piece forwarding fee (when service is provided in conjunction with ACS and applicable ancillary service endorsements\*)**

Standard Mail Letters - \$0.45  
 Standard Mail Flats - \$1.40  
 Bound Printed Matter - \$3.15

\* These prices will be applicable to Standard Mail and Bound Printed Matter when Change Service Requested Option 2 is requested. This new ancillary service will be available July 25, 2015.

NOTE: Manual Address Correction fees for hardcopy PS Form 3547 and 3579 will increase from 57¢ to 59¢ on May 31, 2015.