



# May 2015 Release: Overview of Key Changes

This document provides an overview of key price changes effective May 31, 2015.

## FIRST-CLASS MAIL®

### Key Single Piece Prices

Stamp Price (remains the same)	\$0.49
Meter Price	\$0.485
Single-Piece Flats (remains the same)	\$0.98
Single-Piece Cards	\$0.35
Retail Parcels	\$2.54
International Global Forever Stamp	\$1.20
Non-machinable International Letters	\$1.46
International Postcards	\$1.20
International Flats	\$2.38

- Additional ounce increases from \$0.21 to \$0.22

### Presort / Bulk Prices

Mixed AADC Automation Letters	\$0.439
3-Digit Automation Letters	\$0.416
5-Digit Automation Letters	\$0.391

- Presort letters up to 2 oz charged the 1-oz price
- Additional ounce remains at \$0.13

## EXTRA SERVICES

- Price of PO Boxes will increase 5.9%
- Price of Certified Mail will increase 4.8%
- Price of Return Receipt will increase 3.8%
- Price of Registered Mail will increase 2.6%
- Price of Insurance will increase 4.9%
- Price of Collect On Delivery (COD) will increase 5.4%
- Price of all other services will decrease 9.3%

## MULTIPLE MAIL CLASSES

### Full-Service IMb™ Discounts

- All Full Service Intelligent Mail barcode discounts remain in place for Standard Mail (\$0.001), Periodicals (\$0.001), and First-Class Mail (\$0.003).

### Simplified Special Services

- Free USPS Tracking for First-Class Mail Parcels, BPM Flats, and Library and Media Mail
- Add an Adult Signature option with Certified Mail
- Provide signatures for items insured for more than \$500

## STANDARD MAIL®

### Key Standard Mail Prices

Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.266
Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.394
Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.300
High-Density/Saturation (entered at Origin)	\$0.202
High Density/Saturation Flats (entered at Origin)	\$0.214
EDDM-Retail	\$0.183

### Detached Address Labels (DALs)

- Price increase to 3.6 cents from 3.4 cents

### Standard Nonprofit Mail Prices

Letters (5-Digit Auto entered at Origin)	\$0.147
Flats (5-Digit Auto Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.249
Carrier Route (Flat entered at Origin)	\$0.223
High-Density/Saturation (entered at Origin)	\$0.125
High Density/Saturation Flats (entered at Origin)	\$0.136

## PERIODICALS

- Barcoded Machinable Flats Carrier Route Basic (Piece Rates) price will increase 2.5%
- Barcoded Machinable Flats 5-Digit (Piece Rates) price will increase 1.7%
- Outside and Inside County Periodicals increase 2%

## PACKAGE SERVICES

- Package Services now consists of Alaska Bypass, Bound Printed Matter (BPM) flats, BPM parcels, Media Mail, and Library Mail
- \$0.001 IMb barcode discount is retained for BPM Flats
- Price of Media Mail/Library Mail increases 2.3%
- BPM flats increases .4% and BPM parcels increase 2.6%

## COMPETITIVE PRICE CHANGE

- No price change for Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, or Pickup on Demand
- New zoned prices based on origin ZIP Code for Priority Mail International (PMI) destined to Canada
- An increase to 66 pounds for the maximum weight for PMI Rate Group 17 (Netherlands)
- Combines insurance tables for Priority Mail Express International and PMI to simplify pricing

## POSTAGE STATEMENTS

For a complete list of postage statement changes for the May release, reference the links within the blue sidebar under the header "May 2015 Price Change Information" on Postal Explorer <http://pe.usps.gov/>

Federal Register Notice on mailing changes <http://pe.usps.gov/FederalRegisterNotices.asp>

May 2015 Price Change proposal is on Postal Explorer (<http://pe.usps.com>) in the blue bar on the left side



# May 2015 Release: Flats Sequencing System Changes

*This document provides an overview of the PostalOne!® software release enhancements being implemented May 17, 2015 and key price changes effective May 31, 2015.*

## STANDARD MAIL

### Pricing for FSS Sorted Mail

- Per piece price for FSS eligible pieces in scheme bundles on/in any container at all entry points
- Per piece price for FSS eligible pieces in scheme bundles on/in FSS scheme and facility containers entered at the DFSS
- FSS sort for CR High Density/High Density Plus remains optional:
  - ⇒ Pay FSS prices if FSS prepped
  - ⇒ Pay HD Carrier Route prices if prepped as HD Carrier Route

### Pricing for CR Flats: Non-FSS Zones

- Per piece price for 5-Digit/Scheme pallets with all Carrier Route bundles at all entry levels
- Maintain per piece price for Merged 5-Digit pallets that contains Carrier Route and 5-D bundles

## PERIODICALS

### Pricing for FSS Sorted Mail

- Created a piece price for FSS Flats
- Bundles priced to encourage scheme containers
- Introduced FSS scheme Sack and Tub prices
- Introduces FSS facility Pallet, Sack and Tub prices

### Pricing for CR Flats: Non-FSS Zones

- Introduce a pure Carrier Route pallet price for 5-Digit pallets with all Carrier Route bundles at all entry levels

## Bound Printed Matter

### Bound Printed Matter Flats

- FSS piece prices for FSS scheme bundles at all entry points except DDU