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1.0 Prices and Fees

1.1 Prices Charged Per Piece

Except for Flat Rate Packaging (see 1.4), Priority Mail Express postage is charged for each addressed piece according to its weight and zone. The 0.5-pound price is charged for items up to 0.5 pound and items over 0.50 pound are rounded up to the next whole pound. For example, if a piece weighs 0.25 pound, the weight (postage) increment is 0.50 pound. Express all weights in decimal pounds rounded off to two decimal places.

1.2 Prices

See Notice 123—Price List for applicable Priority Mail Express retail prices.

1.3 Dimensional Weight Price for Low-Density Parcels

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1.3.1 General

[7-12-26] Postage for parcels addressed for delivery to zones 1-9 and exceeding 1 cubic foot (1,728 cubic inches) is based on the actual weight or the dimensional weight (as calculated in 1.3.2 or 1.3.3), whichever is greater.

1.3.2 Determining Dimensional Weight for Rectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a rectangular parcel:

a. [7-12-26] Measure the length, width, and height in inches. Round up (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.

b. Multiply the length by the width and then that total by the height. (Example: 11 x 6 x 3 = 198.)

c. [7-12-26] If the result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 139 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.

d. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70-pound price.

1.3.3 Determining Dimensional Weight for Nonrectangular Parcels

Follow these steps to determine the dimensional weight for a nonrectangular parcel:

a. [7-12-26] Measure the length, width, and height in inches at their extreme dimensions. Round up (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch.

b. Multiply the length by the width and then that total by the height. (Example: 11 x 6 x 3 = 198.)

c. Multiply the result by an adjustment factor of 0.785.

d. [7-12-26] If the final result exceeds 1,728 cubic inches, divide the result by 139 and round up (see 604.7.0) to the next whole number to determine the dimensional weight in pounds.

e. If the dimensional weight exceeds 70 pounds, the customer pays the 70-pound price.

1.4 Flat Rate Packaging

Only USPS-produced Flat Rate Envelopes are eligible for the Flat Rate price, and only customers when using them are charged a flat rate, regardless of the domestic destination or actual weight (up to 70 pounds) of the mailpiece. Customers must only use USPS-produced Flat Rate Envelopes at the applicable Flat Rate Envelope price. Restrictions apply for using USPS-produced packaging (see 601.6.1).

1.5 Sunday and Holiday Premium

Delivery guaranteed for a Sunday or holiday is charged a premium fee (see Notice 123—Price List). Customers not desiring delivery on a Sunday or a holiday may avoid the premium by opting for guaranteed delivery on the subsequent delivery day.

1.6 Nonstandard Fees

A Priority Mail Express piece is subject to the nonstandard fees (see Notice 123—Price List) as follows:

a. A piece measures more than 22 inches up to 30 inches long.

b. A piece measures more than 30 inches long.

c. A piece measures more than 2 cubic feet (3,456 cubic inches). Dimensions for *rectangular* pieces are determined by measuring the length, width, and height in inches, rounding off (see 604.7.0) each measurement to the nearest whole inch and multiplying the length by the width by the height. Dimensions for *nonrectangular* pieces are calculated as above and the result multiplied by an adjustment factor of 0.785. If either calculation exceeds 3,456 cubic inches, the piece is subject to the nonstandard fee.

d. A piece that contains any of the nonstandard characteristics listed under 201.7.6.2.

e. A piece that is subject to both a length (1.6a, 1.6b) and a characteristics (1.6d) nonstandard fee is only subject to the highest fee.

f. A piece may be subject to both a length (1.6a, 1.6b) and a cube (1.6c) nonstandard fee, or a characteristics (1.6d) and a cube (1.6c) nonstandard fee

1.7 Live Animal and Perishable Handling Fee

[4-6-26][1-18-26] Priority Mail Express pieces containing live animals or perishables (e.g. fruit, meat) are subject to the nonrefundable Live Animal and Perishable Handling fee (see Notice 123—Price List). This fee is in addition to the Live Animal Transportation fee provided in the Notice 123—Price List, when applicable. For additional information on the Live Animal and Perishable Handling Fee see *Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (513).
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1.8 Hazmat Handling Fee

Priority Mail Express pieces containing hazardous matter are subject to the nonrefundable Hazmat Handling Fee (see Notice 123—Price List). For additional information on the Hazmat Handling Fee, see Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail*, (Chapter 3).

2.0 Basic Eligibility Standards for Priority Mail Express

All mailable matter may be sent via Priority Mail Express, except matter prohibited by standards (e.g., certain hazardous materials). Items mailed containing cremated remains in their original form (ashes) and any other form (e.g., keepsakes and jewelry) must be sent via Priority Mail Express. (See Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail,* section 451.22.)

2.1 Description of Service

Priority Mail Express is an expedited service for shipping any mailable matter, with a money-back guarantee, subject to the standards below. Refunds standards for domestic Priority Mail Express are provided in 604.9.5. Priority Mail Express International is available between the United States and most foreign countries (see the *International Mail Manual*).

2.2 Inspection of Contents

Priority Mail Express matter is sealed against postal inspection.

3.0 Content Standards for Priority Mail Express

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4.0 Service Features of Priority Mail Express

4.1 General

A mailing receipt showing the time and date of mailing must be provided to the mailer on acceptance of Priority Mail Express by USPS. This receipt serves as evidence of mailing. A delivery record, including the addressee's signature (see

115.2.2 and 115.), will be provided upon request. Individual requests by article number may be retrieved at usps.com or by calling 1-800-222-1811 and providing the article number. A proof of delivery letter (signature data) is provided electronically via email.

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b. Bulk proof of delivery (503.1.8b.) is available to mailers using Priority Mail Express Manifesting.

4.2 Priority Mail Express Delivery

4.2.1 Availability

Priority Mail Express offers delivery in 1, 2, or 3 delivery days depending on various factors, including the date on which the item is deemed accepted by the Postal Service, and based on the origin and destination ZIP Codes.

4.2.2 Acceptance

Priority Mail Express items must be presented no later than the local Post Office's acceptance time. Priority Mail Express items mailed after the local Post Office mail-acceptance time are deemed to have been mailed on the next day the office is open, subject to the standards for this service.

4.2.3 Delivery Time

Items are delivered by 6 p.m. on the scheduled delivery day. The Postal Service will notify the addressee if delivery is not made. A reminder notice is left on the third day after the attempted delivery. A second delivery is attempted only upon customer request.

4.2.4 Hold for Pickup

Except for Priority Mail Express mailpieces containing cremated remains, under Hold for Pickup service, items presented under 4.2 are available for pickup by the addressee at the destination facility by 6 p.m. of the scheduled delivery day that the destination office is open for retail business.

4.3 Priority Mail Express Military Service

Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) is available between the United States and designated APO/FPO and DPOs to provide Department of Defense personnel stationed overseas, and others entitled to APO/FPO and DPO mailing privileges, an expedited delivery service to or from the United States. For PMEMS standards see 703.2.0.