

## **Mailpiece Design Analyst**

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### **2011 International APO FPO Christmas Dates**

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## LEANER, FASTER, SMARTER JANUARY 22, 2012 MAILING SERVICES PRICE CHANGE

### BACKGROUND:

Prices for most Postal Service mailing services will change on January 22, 2012. Mailing services includes First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services and Extra Services. Prices for shipping services will also change on January 22. We will provide customers the new shipping services prices later this fall.

While actual percentage price increases for various products and services varies, the overall average price increase across all mailing services is capped by law at 2.1 percent, the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

### FIRST-CLASS MAIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Letters (1 oz.) – 1-cent increase to 45 cents. This is the first increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp since May 2009.
- Single-piece letters additional ounce rate – unchanged at 20 cents.
- Postcards – 3-cent increase to 32 cents
- Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz.) – 5-cent increase to 85 cents
- Letters to other international destinations – 7-cent increase to \$1.05
- The second ounce will be free for First-Class Mail Presort pieces weighing between one and two ounces.

### ADDITIONAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The price increase for Standard Mail Letters is slightly below the overall average at less than 1.9 percent
- A new 3-month pricing option will be available to rent PO Boxes for people on the move and others that need a PO Box for a shorter time period.
- Delivery Confirmation will be free for several parcel products as the Postal Service continues to make tracking an integral component of parcels mailed at commercial rates.

### PERCENTAGE OF PRICE CHANGE BY CLASS OF MAIL:

Class	Percent Change
First-Class Mail	2.133
Standard Mail	2.124
Periodicals	2.133
Package Services	2.133
Extra Services	-0.663*

\*With the exception of Delivery Confirmation and Confirm, most Extra Services prices increase at about 2.1 %. Adding Delivery Confirmation and Confirm services as included services for some parcels results in the overall price reduction for Extra Services.

### ROLE OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION:

The new prices were filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission on Oct. 18, 2011. The Commission has 45 days to review the prices to verify they comply with the overall 2.1 percent price cap for each class of mail. The new prices will go into effect on Jan. 22, 2012.

## 2011 International and APO/FPO/DPO Christmas Mailing Dates

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by December 25 to APO/FPO/DPO and international addresses overseas, we suggest that mail be entered by the recommended mailing dates listed below. Beat the last-minute rush and take your mail to your U.S. Post Office® by these suggested dates. And don't forget you can print postage, labels, and Customs forms online 24/7 using Click-N-Ship® service at [www.usps.com/clicknship](http://www.usps.com/clicknship).

Remember, all mail addressed to military and diplomatic post offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation, and handling. APO/FPO/DPO addresses generally require Customs forms. To see a table of active APO/FPO/DPO ZIP Codes™ and associated mailing restrictions, go to <http://pe.usps.com> and click *Postal Bulletins* in the blue sidebar. Go to the current issue and see the article "Overseas Military/Diplomatic Mail."

APO/FPO/DPO Mail Addressed To	Express Mail® Military Service (EMMS) <sup>1</sup>	First-Class Mail® Letters/Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) <sup>2</sup>	Space Available Mail (SAM) <sup>3</sup>	Parcel Post®
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090–092	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 3	Dec 3	Dec 1	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094–098	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962–966	Dec 17	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12

- <sup>1</sup> EMMS is available to selected military/diplomatic post offices. Check with your local Post Office™ to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO/DPO of address.
- <sup>2</sup> PAL is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface price for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.
- <sup>3</sup> SAM parcels are paid at Parcel Post prices with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG) <sup>4*</sup>	Express Mail® International (EMS) <sup>5*</sup>	Priority Mail® International (PMI) <sup>6*</sup>	First-Class Mail® International
Africa	Dec 20	Dec 10	Dec 2	Dec 2
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 9	Dec 9
Australia/New Zealand	Dec 19	Dec 15	Dec 9	Dec 9
Canada	Dec 21	Dec 16	Dec 12	Dec 9
Caribbean	Dec 20	Dec 15	Dec 12	Dec 9
Central & South America	Dec 20	Dec 10	Dec 2	Dec 2
Mexico	Dec 21	Dec 15	Dec 9	Dec 9
Europe	Dec 20	Dec 15	Dec 12	Dec 9
Middle East	Dec 20	Dec 15	Dec 12	Dec 9

- <sup>4</sup> GXG is available to over 190 countries via an alliance with Federal Express. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries and money-back guarantee details, or go to <http://pe.usps.com>, and click International Mail Manual (IMM), then Individual Country Listings. Some restrictions apply. Free shipping supplies are available. **Note:** 1) Cutoff date does not take into account time needed for Customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities. 3) Last day to ship to Afghanistan is Dec 19 and Iraq is Dec 16.
  - <sup>5</sup> EMS is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 3 to 5 average business days. Guaranteed, money-back service is available to Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea (Republic of South). Flat-rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive an 8% discount.
  - <sup>6</sup> PMI is available to over 190 countries with delivery in 6 to 10 average business days. Flat-rate shipping options and free packaging are available. Purchase postage online and receive a 5% discount.
- \* Average number of days may vary based upon origin and destination.

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