



DIRECT MAIL 101

Everything you need to know to start offering mailing services

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TOP 7 REASONS TO ADD MAILING SERVICES

- 1. Keep your customers**
- 2. Generate more revenue**
- 3. No additional labor costs**
- 4. You're already doing most of the work**
- 5. Mailing the printed job is nearly all profit**
- 6. Mailing services create more print jobs**
- 7. Mail is more efficient than email**

Direct Mail

79%

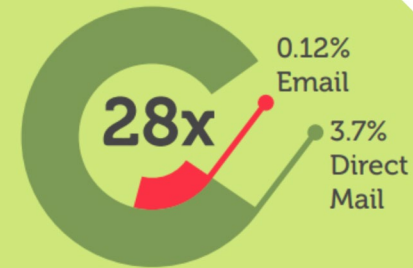
Email

45%

Consumers reporting
they immediately act on
direct mail vs email



70% to 80% of consumers
say they open all of their
direct mail



Response rates for direct
mail are 28 times higher
than email



MAIL SERVICE PROVIDER TOOLS

Becoming a Mail Service Provider is easy!
You need four basic things:

- **Permit from the USPS®**
- **Mailing Software**
- **Printing Equipment**
- **Trays and Sacks from the Post Office™**





WHY IS POSTAGE REDUCED WHEN MAILING IN BULK?

- **The Postal Service™ offers lower prices for bulk mailings because you do some of the work that otherwise would have to be done by USPS® employees**

For Example:

- Sorting the mail by ZIP Code™, Carrier Route within a ZIP Code™, or Area Distribution Center (Presorting)
 - Transporting the mail to a destination postal facility
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- **Work sharing: Mailers make an investment in time and technology, the Postal Service's costs are reduced and therefore, you pay less postage.**



MINIMUM QUANTITIES FOR COMMERCIAL MAIL

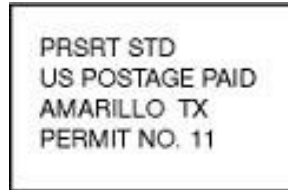
- **First Class Mail®** **500 Pieces** **13 oz max**
 - Bills, statements of account, invoices, credit cards, personalized correspondence
 - No nonprofit eligibility
 - Cards, letters, flats, parcels
- **Marketing Mail™** **200 Pieces or 50 lbs of mail** **16 oz max**
 - Advertising, flyers, circulars, newsletters, catalogs.
 - Nonprofit Eligible
 - Letters, Flats, Parcels
- **Bound Printed Matter** **300 Pieces** **15 lb max**
 - Advertising, promotional, other editorial material (catalogs, phone directories)
 - Flats, Parcels
 - No nonprofit eligibility





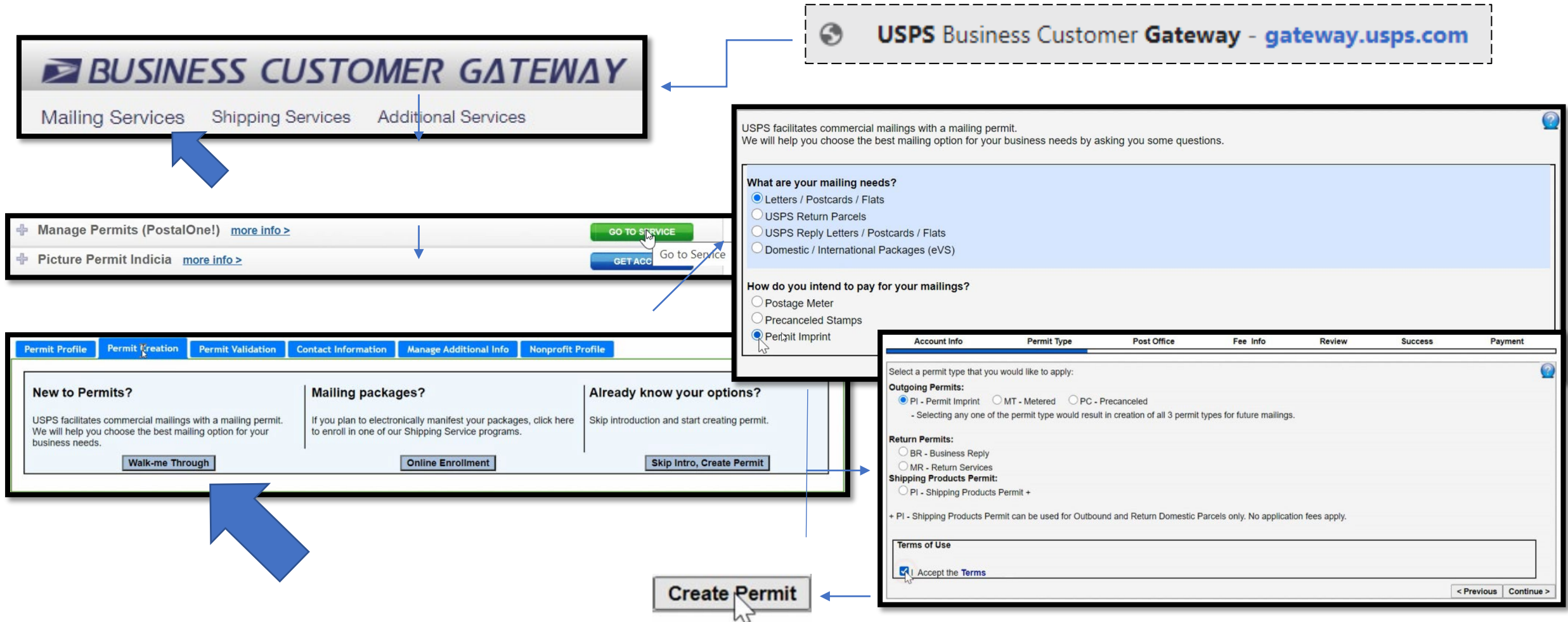
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- **Obtain a mailing permit online**
- **Pay an annual mailing fee*** for each class of mail
(First-Class Mail® and Marketing Mail™)
- **Pay postage** using one of three convenient methods:
 - Pre-canceled stamps
 - Postage meter
 - **Permit imprint**
- Ensure that the **addresses in your mailing list are accurate**
- **Presort** the mail pieces
- **Take the mail to the post office™** where your mailing permit is held





HOW TO GET A PERMIT ONLINE





PERMIT FEES

- **\$265 one-time fee: Permission to use Permit Imprint for postage**
 - There is **no fee** to apply for a permit to mail with **precanceled stamps or postage meter**
 - You must mail **at least once every two years** to keep this permit active
- **\$265 annual fee: Permission to mail at bulk rates**
 - Separate fees for First-Class™ and Marketing Mail™
 - Your permit allows you to drop mailings at the Post Office™ where your permit is held
 - Using a customer's permit requires you to drop mailings at the post office of their permit
 - You don't have to pay your annual fee until you drop off your first mailing
 - Your annual fee is due 365 days from the date of your first payment
- **How to get the annual fee waived**
 - At least 75% of mailings are **Full-Service mailings** with ZIP+4's on 90% of your pieces

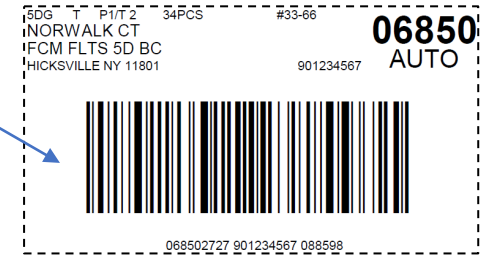


FULL-SERVICE MAILING REQUIREMENTS

- Apply a unique Intelligent Mail[®] barcode (IMb[™]) to each piece
- Apply a unique intelligent mail tray barcode to trays, sacks
(when using trays or sacks)
- Apply a unique intelligent mail container barcode to placards
(when using pallets)
- Submit postage statements electronically

When 90% of your addressed pieces in full-service mailings have ZIP+4[®] and 75% of all pieces you mail are full-service eligible...

your annual permit fees are waived!





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- **Permit Imprint**

- Instead of applying precanceled stamps to each piece or running each piece through postage meter, the mailer prints postage information in the upper right corner of the mailpiece. This postage block is called an "indicia."
- All mailpieces must weigh the same. The Postal Service™ weighs an individual piece and the entire mailing to verify the total number of pieces and calculate the postage owed.
- Pros:
 - Pre-print the indicia or print it at the same time as the addresses
- Cons:
 - Not as personal-looking as a precanceled Stamp
 - \$265 Permit Fee

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE **PAID**
ATASCADERO, CA
PERMIT NO. 1



MORE ABOUT POSTAGE PAYMENT METHODS

- **Precanceled Stamps**

- Special stamps specifically for presorted First-Class™ and USPS® Marketing Mail™
- Stamps are applied at a lower postage price. Pay the difference when mail is dropped off at the Post Office™, either by meter strip, check, or EPS account
 - \$0.25 for First-Class, \$0.10 for Marketing Mail, \$0.05 for Nonprofit
- Pros:
 - No permit fee, as opposed to the \$265 permit imprint fee
 - Marketing advantage over Indicia as it looks like a regular postage stamp
- Cons:
 - Requires the time-consuming processes of purchasing rolls of stamps at retail counter of post office where permit is held and applying stamps to each piece by hand or with a machine





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- **Postage Meter**

- Print postage indicia directly onto the mailpieces or on a meter strip, which then gets affixed to the pieces
- If all mail doesn't have the same price per piece, set the meter to the lowest price
- Your meter manufacturer will help you comply with requirements for what appears in the meter permit

- **Pros:**

- No permit fee, as opposed to the \$265 permit imprint fee
- Convenient way to track postage costs for your business

- **Cons:**

- Requires the time-consuming processes of getting a postage meter, filling the meter with enough postage, and running pieces through the meter





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ACCURACY OF YOUR ADDRESS LIST IS ESSENTIAL

- 17% of Americans change addresses annually.
- 45 million people move each year.
- Approximately one out of every six families moves each year.
- Undeliverable mail costs the USPS® \$1.5 billion a year
- Postage for pieces with ZIP+4's is less than those with only 5-Digit ZIP Codes™.



Entry Discount	Machinable	
	AADC	Mixed AADC
None	\$0.323	\$0.336
DNDC	0.302	0.315
DSCF	0.296	-

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To claim commercial USPS Marketing Mail™ and First-Class Mail prices, you MUST have checked the accuracy of ZIP Codes within 90 Days



HOW POSTAL SOFTWARE SAVES YOU MONEY

- Perform address standardization, address correction, and append ZIP+4's[®]
- Change of address processing
- Duplicate Removal
- Identification and elimination of Undeliverable As Addressed mail
- Postal Presorting following USPS[®] regulations to achieve postal discounts
- Generate necessary paperwork and container tags
- Generate Intelligent Mail[®] barcodes for mailpieces, containers, and pallets





ADDRESS STANDARDIZATION AND CORRECTION

Address Standardization and Correction is the process of altering addresses to conform to USPS® conventions.

Examples include:

- Changing Avenue to AVE
- Changing # to APT or STE
- Changing Box or POB to PO BOX™
- Changing BLVD to DR if the street suffix was incorrect and fixing street name mistakes

Address standardization assists with duplicate removal in your address list



USPS APPROVED MOVE UPDATE METHODS

Move Update is a means of reducing the number of mailpieces that require forwarding or return by matching your name and address data with change of address orders received by the USPS®.

Mailers who claim First-Class Mail® presorted or automation prices, USPS Marketing Mail™ prices, and Parcel Select Lightweight® prices must demonstrate that they have updated their mailing list within 95 days before the mailing date.

Move Update Methods:

- Address Change Service (ACS™)
- National Change of Address Linkage System (NCOA^{Link}®)
- Ancillary Service Endorsements



MORE ABOUT MOVE UPDATE METHODS

- **Address Change Service (ACS™)**

- Post-mailing service allowing mailers to receive change of address data electronically

- **National Change of Address Linkage System (NCOA^{Link}®)**

- **Pre-mail address matching** of COA records consisting of individuals, families, and businesses who have filed change of address with the Postal Service™

- **Ancillary Service Endorsements**

- Sender obtains addressee's forwarding/new address if they've filed a COA

PIERRE MORREL
100 MAIN ST
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92649

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PHOENIX AZ
PERMIT 1

Address Service Requested



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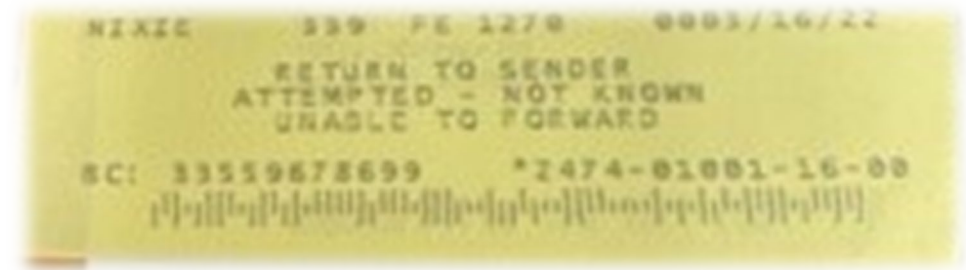
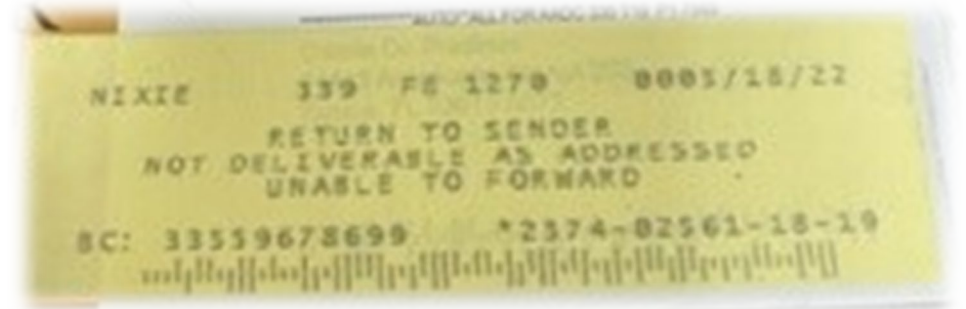
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3216 EL CAMINO REAL
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UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED (UAA) MAIL

UAA mail is all mail that cannot be delivered to the name and address specified on the mailpiece, and must be forwarded, returned to sender or properly treated as waste. The actions required to process UAA mail create additional cost for the Postal Service™ and have an impact on postal operations.

UAA Reason Description	All Industries
Change of Address	32.03%
Moved left no Address	0.89%
Temporary COA	4.96%
Attempted, not Known	12.90%
Insufficient Address	6.53%
No Mail Receptacle	2.42%
No such Number	2.42%
Deceased	0.22%
Not Deliverable as Addressed/Unable to Forward/Forwarding expired	29.74%
No such Street	0.98%
Vacant	4.65%





WHAT YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE DATA QUALITY

- Perform Address Validation with CASS Certified™ Software
- Perform Change of Address Updating prior to mailing (NCOA^{Link})
- Remove duplicates by address, name and address, and more
- Analyze and remove Undeliverable As Addressed (UAA) Mail
 - *Street number doesn't exist*
 - *Street name doesn't exist*
 - *Missing or incorrect Unit number*
 - *Vacant Address*
 - *Moved, No Forwarding Address*
 - *No letter carrier service*





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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EACH MAILING

- **Mail Piece Dimensions**

- Height, Length, Thickness, Weight of the piece

- **How to handle those who have moved**

- Mail to original, intended recipient at new address
- Mail only if original recipient's new address is still local
- Mail to "Current Resident" at original address
- Delete the record

- **How to handle undeliverable as addressed pieces**

- Do you attempt to correct mistakes, delete the records, or mail these pieces?

- **How do you identify duplicate addresses?**

- Mail one piece to each address or mail to each name at an address?

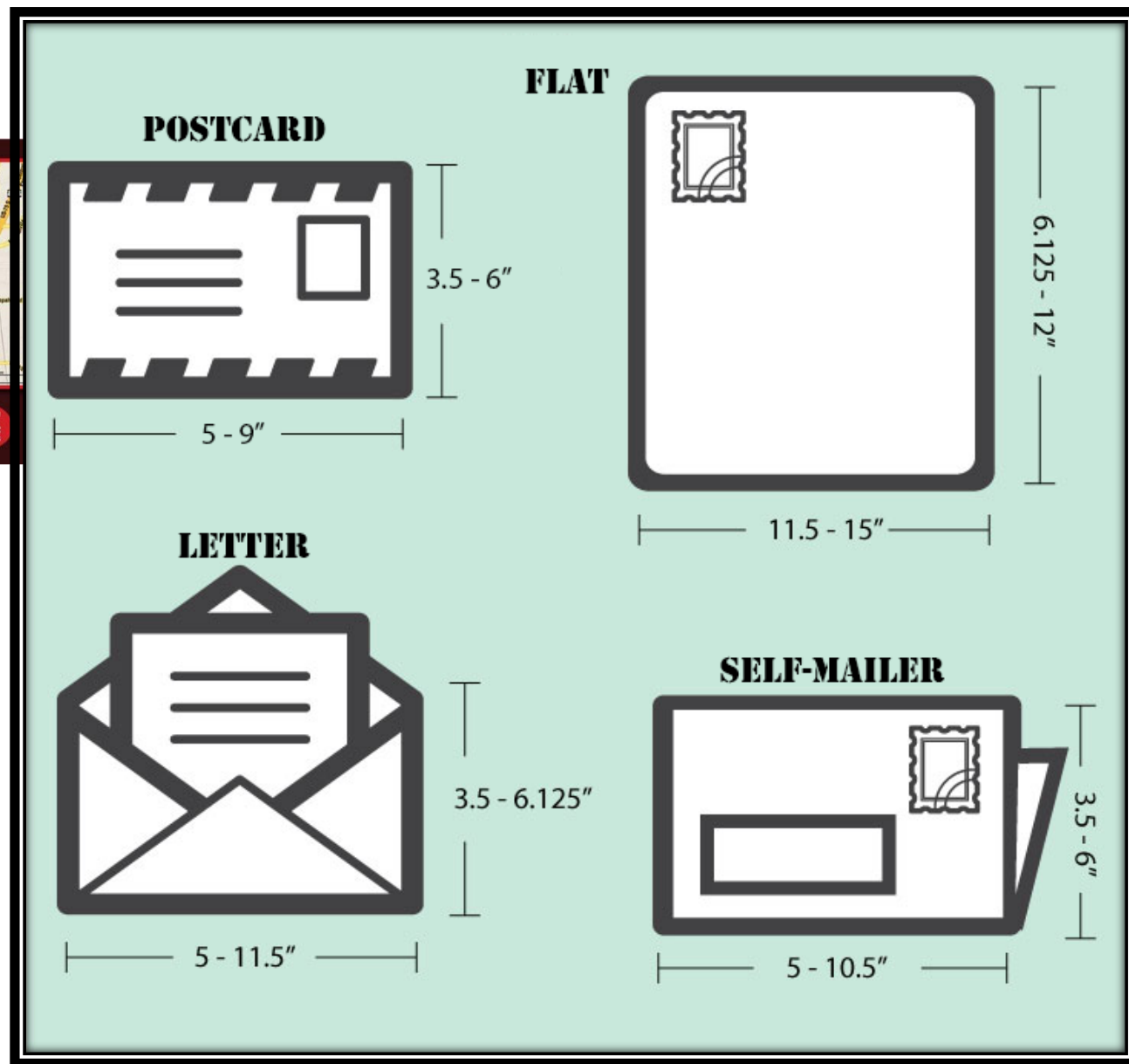




MAIL PIECE SIZES



Rate	Letters	Flats
5-Digit	\$0.277	\$0.482
AADC	\$0.309	\$0.729
Machinable	\$0.323	\$0.759





EVERY DOOR DIRECT MAIL[®] (BMEU AND RETAIL)

- **Destination Delivery Unit (DDU)**
 - Drop directly at the Post Offices servicing the ZIP Code on your pieces to get the lowest possible postage rates.
Not available for Retail
- With **EDDM BMEU**, you can pay with your bulk mail permit
With **EDDM Retail**, no permit is required
- **EDDM Retail limit:** 5,000 per day; 1 ZIP Code
EDDM BMEU: No limit on pieces or ZIP Codes



PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM RETAIL

Local
Postal Customer

*****ECRWSEDDM****

Residential Customer
City, State 5-Digit ZIP Code

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CITY, STATE
PERMIT NO.

Rate	RETAIL	BMEU
Local	\$0.20	\$0.235
SCF	N/A	\$0.189
DDU	N/A	\$0.168



EVERY DOOR DIRECT MAIL[®] (BMEU AND RETAIL)

- **Dimensions**

- Minimum: >6.125" high OR >10.5" long OR >.25" thick. Minimum height: 3.5". Minimum thickness: .007"
- Maximum: 15" long, 12" high, .75" thick

- **Mailing Label must be on top half**

- Shortest end is always the top half
- Length is always the longest side
- Label cannot be upside down when parallel to shortest side

- **Facing Slips attach to top of each bundle**

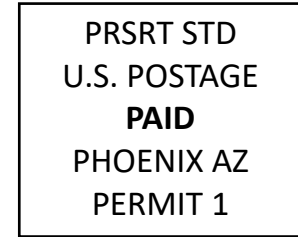
- Bundles no greater than 6" high
- Recommended bundle size: 50-100 pieces
- Each facing slip needs piece-count per bundle





MAIL PIECE DESIGN

1/8" →
SPACE AROUND
POSTAL INDICIA



MDA SUPPORT CENTER

M-F 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM ET

855-593-6093

mda@usps.gov

1/2" ↔
MINIMUM



IM Barcode 0.028" - 0.0625"

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1/8" ←
SPACE AROUND
IM BARCODE &
ADDRESS

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PRESORTING FOR POSTAL DISCOUNTS

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5-Digit/Scheme¹
Trays: Optional, but 5-digit/scheme trays required for price. 150-piece minimum to same 5-digit/scheme destination; only one overflow tray permitted per destination.²
Price: 5-Digit

AADC
Trays: Optional, but required for AADC price; at least 150 pieces to same AADC (see [L801](#)); group pieces by 3-digit/scheme; only one overflow tray permitted per destination.²
Price: AADC

Mixed AADC
Trays: Required for all remaining pieces placed in mixed AADC trays
Price: Mixed AADC

Entry Discount	Automation ^{1,4}		
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None	\$0.277	\$0.309	\$0.330
DNDC	0.256	0.288	0.309
DSCF	0.250	0.282	-
DDU	-	-	-





FILLING TRAYS AND SACKS

- Letters and cards up to 4.625" in height go into **MM** Trays
- Letters and cards taller than 4.625" go into **EMM** Trays
- Trays come in three sizes
 - Half Tray (10.25" long x 10" wide x 4.625" high)
 - Full Tray (21" long x 10" wide x 4.625" high)
 - Extended (EMM) Tray (21.75" long x 11.5" wide x 6.125" high)
- Flat size mail goes into:
 - Sacks (Marketing Mail™)
 - Flat Trays (First-Class Mail®)
- Trays are considered full at 85% capacity
- Rubber band (Height and length) bundles of flats going in sacks and handfuls of letters going in less-than-full trays





HOW TO USE POSTAL SOFTWARE

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DELIVERY

- **Whose permit are you using?**

- If using your permit, drop the mail at the Bulk Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) where your permit is held
- If using the client's permit, drop the mail at the BMEU serving the client's permit

- **Where are you taking the mail?**

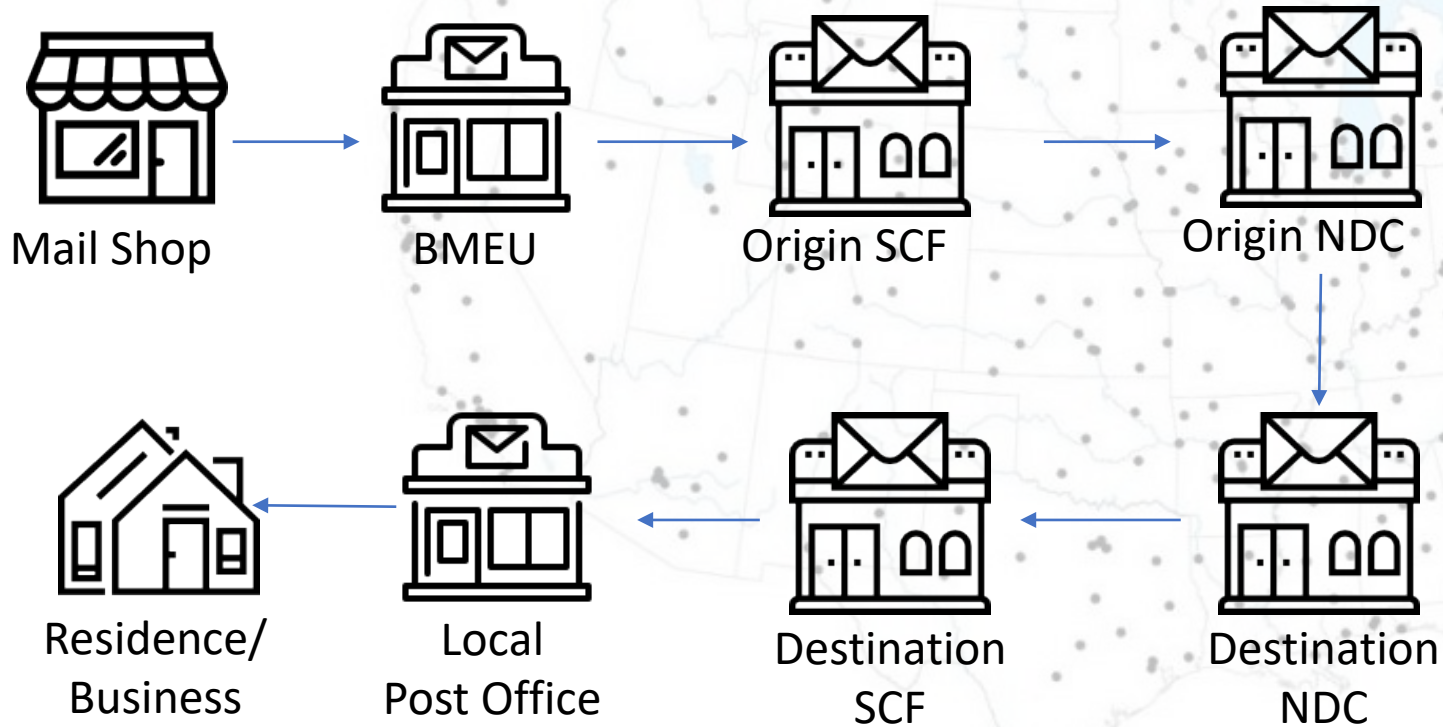
- Local BMEU
- Sectional Center Facility (SCF)
- Network Distribution Center (NDC)

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DDU	-	-	-



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Delivering to Destination SCF or NDC saves money in postage



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DELIVERY

Sectional Center Facility Servicing ZIP Codes™

Minimum for SCF drop: 200 Pieces

850, 852, 853	SCF PHOENIX AZ 852
855	GLOBE AZ 855
856, 857	SCF TUCSON AZ 856
859	SHOW LOW AZ 859
860	FLAGSTAFF AZ 860
863	PRESCOTT AZ 863
864	KINGMAN AZ 864

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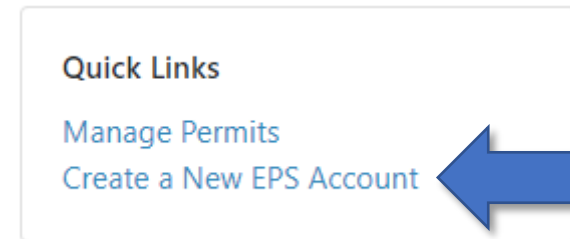
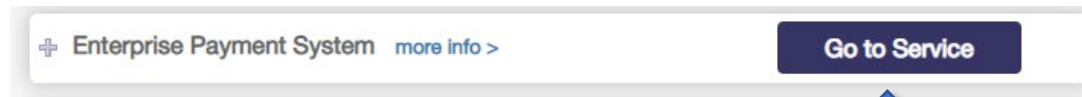
DELIVERY TO BULK MAIL ENTRY UNIT

- Tray mail in presort order
- Deliver to post office where permit is held
- Bring confirmation sheet with mail
- Pay for mail with check or EPS account





HOW TO CREATE AN EPS ACCOUNT



Enterprise Payment System (EPS) allows USPS customers to setup and manage a centralized and secure payment account. **An Enterprise Payment account is linked to an ACH Debit** or Trust and allows customers to pay for USPS products and services and view reports.



SAMPLE PRICING FOR MAILING SERVICES

- Per-Piece Charge for Data Work: \$0.01 (\$0.0075/piece for over 10,000 pieces)
 - ✓ Import, Address Standardization/Validation, Duplicate Detection, Presorting, Paperwork
- **Minimum Charge: \$100**
- Inkjetting or digitally printing addresses on mail piece: \$0.05
- NCOALink® changes: \$25 flat fee regardless of file size
 - ✓ Include NCOALink Results Report or CSV of Results
- Delivery to post office: \$25 (additional charge for SCF drop)
- Precanceled Stamps: \$0.02 per piece for affixing stamps (Free Permit)



LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED!

- Everything you need in order to get started handling mailings
- How easy it is to get a permit, and the permit fees
- The differences between classes of mail
- The differences in piece sizes
- Questions to ask clients about their mailings
- The postage payment methods that are right for you
- Why you need mailing software and how to use it
- Address Data Hygiene tips
- How to drop your mail at the Bulk Mail Entry Unit
- How to pay for your mail, including setting up EPS



AccuZIP Onboarding Program



- Assistance with installation and setup
- Free training for staff members
- Free coaching on subsequent live mailings
- Technical support available 8AM-7PM ET
- Assistance through GoToAssist



1. REFER



2.



PURCHASES



3. EARN

\$995

TOWARD SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

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