

USPS Price Increase for August 29, 2021

Central Mail Services would like to announce postal rate increases effective August 29, 2021 from the United States Postal Service. Our goal is to assist you with all of your mailing and shipping needs, and to provide each department with the most cost effective, and efficient mailing solutions. Our hope is this information will help your department understand and budget for your shipping needs.

The Postal Regulatory Commission determined to restore financial stability to the postal service, the postal service should have the ability to raise prices above the rate of inflation. Rather than waiting until the traditional October announcement and January implementation date, the USPS decided to move up the rate change to help expedite their ability to generate new revenues. There is not an anticipated price change for letter mail until next year.

Below are the changes for the upcoming price increase for the USPS:

First-Class Mail Single-Piece Prices	January 2021	August 2021	Change
Letters 1 Ounce	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$0.03
Metered Mail Letters 1 ounce	\$0.55	\$0.53	\$0.02
Flats/Large Envelope 1 Ounce	\$1.00	\$1.16	\$0.16
Postcards	\$0.36	\$0.40	\$0.04
International Letters 1 Ounce	\$1.20	\$1.30	\$0.10
International Postcard	\$1.20	\$1.30	\$0.10
International Flats 1 Ounce	\$2.40	\$2.60	\$0.20

Select Rates for Other Services	January 2021	August 2021	Changes
Certified Mail	\$3.60	\$3.75	\$0.15
Return Receipt – Paper	\$2.85	\$3.05	\$0.20
Media Mail – 1 lb. Single- Piece	\$2.89	\$3.19	\$0.30
Library Mail	\$2.75	\$3.03	\$0.28

Priority Mail Product	2020 Commercial Base Rate	2021 Commercial Base Rate	Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$7.15	\$7.40	\$0.25
Small Flat Rate Box	\$7.65	\$7.90	\$0.25
Medium Flat Rate Box	\$13.20	\$13.75	\$0.55
Large Flat Rate Box	\$18.30	\$19.30	\$1.00

As a reminder, the Contract Postal Unit at 113 Dykstra Hall is open for business from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for your personal shipping needs. We have forever stamps which you can purchase for \$0.55 before the price of stamps increases on August 29, 2021 to \$0.58 each. You can skip the lines at the main Post Office downtown and ship your packages at our convenient location. If you have any questions, please contact Bridgett Henry at 785-532-7751 or Anne Murphy at 785-532-1735.