

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial[®] User's Guide

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Overview of Premium Forwarding Service Commercial® (PFSC)

Purpose

The purpose of this user guide is to assist customers in enrolling in and maximizing the benefits of the PFSC.

Description of Service

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial (PFS-C) provides business customers a temporary service to have USPS gather their mail addressed to PO Boxes (including Caller Service) or business' street addresses within the same servicing postal facility, and dispatch the mail as Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail shipments to a new domestic business address.

Business customers have the convenience to schedule the frequency to forward their mail daily (Monday-Saturday), weekly or on a monthly basis. Premium Forwarding Service Commercial provides business customers email notifications with USPS tracking numbers.

An annual enrollment fee is required, and applicable postage is charged for each shipment.

For more information on fees and pricing, please visit, Notice 123, Price List.

Required Information:

Prior to enrolling online, business customers <u>must have</u> the **FIVE** following items:

- 1. USPS Business Customer Gateway Account
- 2. PostalOne!® Permit
- 3. USPS Centralized Accounting Payment System (CAPS) Account
- 4. Electronic Verification Service (eVS®) Account
- 5. A valid business address

For assistance in the above requirements, please contact the e-VS Help Desk <u>eVS@usps.gov</u> or by phone at **877-264-9693**.

Eligible Addresses:

- Originating and destination must be a business street address or a business PO Box
- Business PO Box with Caller Service

Non-Eligible Addresses:

- Address with Change of Address on file
- Address with Hold Mail
- Military Addresses (APO/FPO)
- Residential address

For PO Box Holders and Caller Service:

- PO Box must be active and fees paid
- PO Box may not be in closed or delinquent status

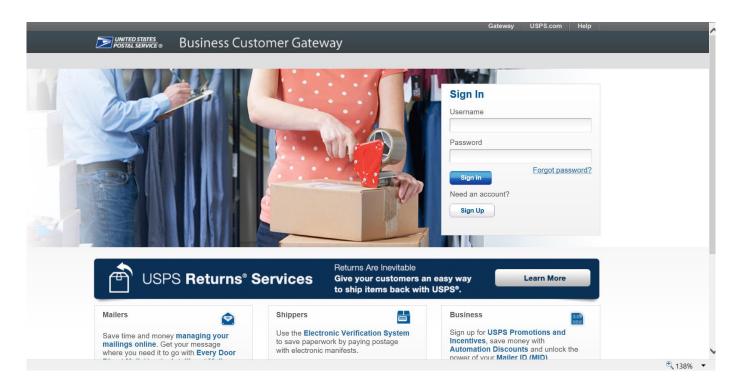


Getting Started

Using the Premium Forwarding Service Commercial® Application

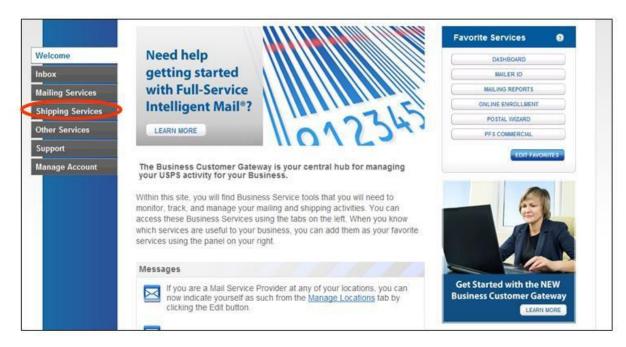
Accessing the Application

1. Navigate to https://gateway.usps.com and sign into the Business Customer Gateway (BCG).



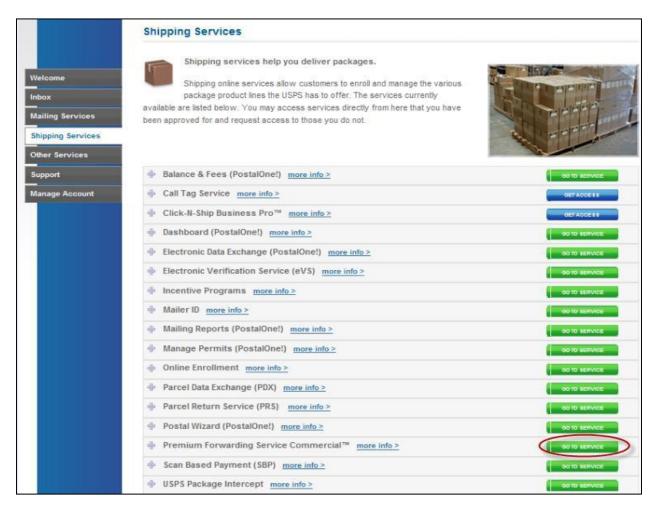


2. Click on "Shipping Services".



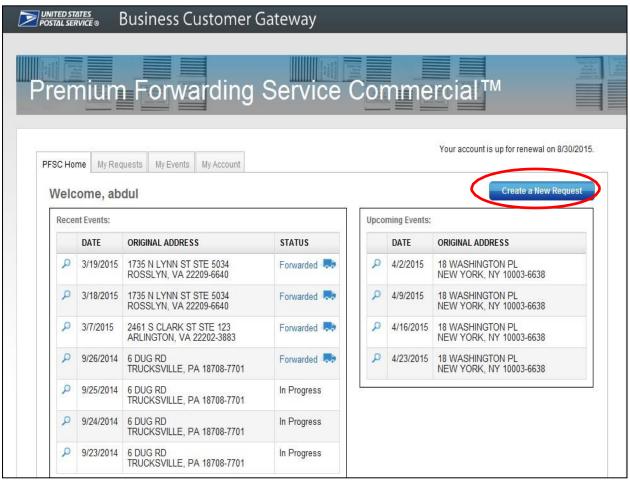


3. Then locate "Premium Forwarding Service Commercial®" and click "Go to Service".





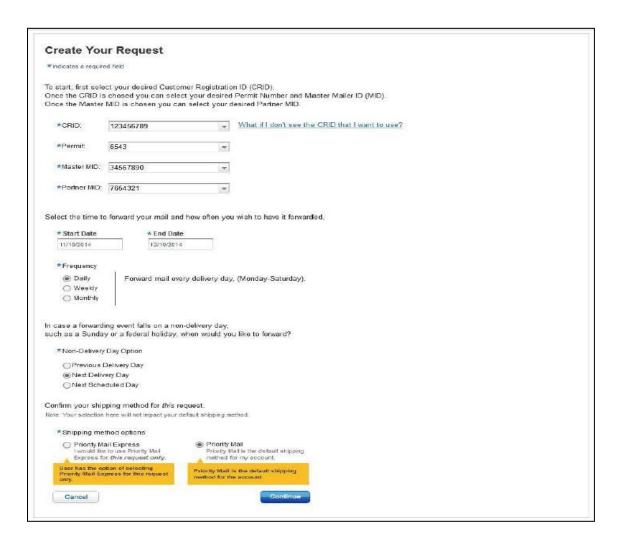
4. Create a New Request.





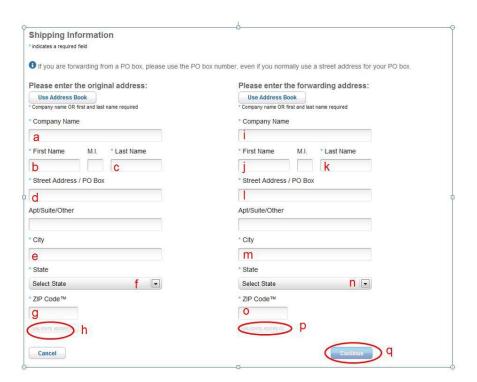
5. To create a request:

- a. Click on the drop down arrow and select the appropriate Customer Registration Identification (CRID)
- b. Permit
- c. Master Mailer Identification (MID)
- d. Partner MID from the drop down lists
- e. Click on "Start Date" and "End Date" from the calendar to begin your PFSC, click on the appropriate button for frequency, and click on the interval within that frequency. Please Note: Any request after 2:00 AM CST will not begin until the following calendar day
- f. Select the Frequency of Delivery
- g. In the case that a delivery date falls on a non-delivery day, such as a federal holiday, select which alternate delivery method works best
- h. Click Continue





- 6. Enter the appropriate shipping information:
 - a. Provide Company Name for business originating address
 - b. Provide First Name of mail being forwarded
 - c. Provide Last Name of mail being forwarded
 - d. Provide P.O. Box Number or Street Address for business originating address
 - e. Provide City for business originating address
 - f. State for business originating address
 - g. ZIP Code for business originating address
 - h. Click "Validate Address"
 - Provide the Company Name for business address that will be receiving PFSC mail
 - j. Provide First Name of recipient of forwarded mail
 - k. Provide Last Name of recipient of forwarded mail
 - Provide street address or P.O. Box of address for business that will be receiving mail
 - m. Provide City for recipient of forwarded mail
 - n. Select State for recipient of forwarded mail
 - o. Provide ZIP Code for recipient of forwarded mail
 - p. Click "Validate Address"
 - q. Click "Continue"





7. Review request for accuracy, then click the "Submit Request" button.

Review Request

CRID: 94553033

Permit: 920

Master MID: 901018504 Partner MID: 901018504 Start Date: 3/30/2015

Frequency: Every week on Thursday Non-Delivery Day Option: Next Delivery Day

Shipping Method: Priority Mail

Edit request details

End Date: 4/30/2015

Original Address:

TOOTH FAIRY DENTAL SERVICE TOOTH FAIRY 18 WASHINGTON PL NEW YORK, NY 10003-6638

Forwarding Address: SALLY MAINE 5155 PARKSTONE DR CHANTILLY, VA 20151-3812

Edit shipping information

Cancel



Based on your selections, there will be 4 event dates.

They will be:

- 1. Thursday, April 2, 2015
- 2. Thursday, April 9, 2015
- 3. Thursday, April 16, 2015
- 4. Thursday, April 23, 2015



8. The following confirmation information will be sent to the email associated with the account.

Hello TOOTH FAIRY,

Thank you for using USPS.com.

You have successfully scheduled Premium Forwarding Service Commercial™ from 03/30/2015 through 04/30/2015. Details of your shipment are below.

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial™ Details We are shipping the mall for TOOTH FAIRY DENTAL

SERVICE business

Confirmation Number: 100000001101

Shipping Mail From: TOOTH FAIRY DENTAL SERVICE TOOTH FAIRY 18 WASHINGTON PL NEW YORK, NY 10003-6638 Email: evonne e. thomas@usps.gov Start Date: 03/30/2015 End Date: 04/30/2015 Frequency: Weekly Holiday Preference: Next Delivery Day

Delivering To:

SALLY MAINE 5155 PARKSTONE DR CHANTILLY, VA 20151-3812

When signing up for Premium Forwarding Service Commercial™ online you are agreeing to pay the postage on the dates specified for the service. Postage will be calculated based on weight and zone of the shipment.

Making changes to your Premium Forwarding Service Commercial" Online Service

Premium Forwarding Service Commercial** Online orders ship on the dates specified. If you need to change your Premium Forwarding Service Commercial** Online order please note these important deadlines:

- Cancel or change the start date no later than 11:59 pm (CST) 48 hours before the start date.
- ♠ Extend or stop Premium Forwarding Service Commercial™ by 11:59 pm (CST) 48 hours before the start date.
- ◆ Edit Premium Forwarding Service Commercial™ by 11:59 pm (CST) 48 hours before the ship date.

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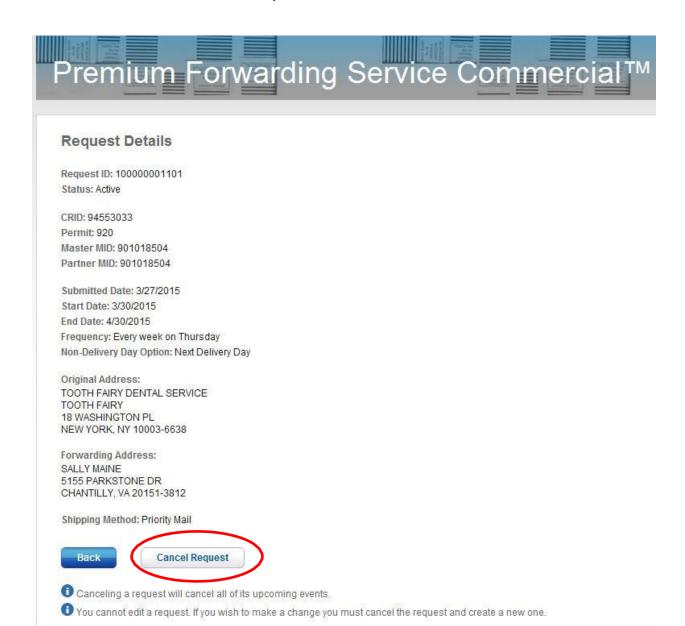
Canceling a request

- 1. From the PFSC home page, click on the "My Requests" Tab.
- 2. Then click on the magnifying glass of the appropriate request. This view is also useful for viewing details on completed requests.
- 3. Then click on the magnifying glass of any event to view more details.



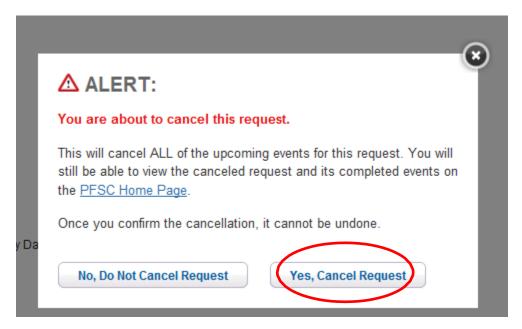


4. Then click on the "Cancel Request".





5. Click on the "Yes, Cancel Request" button.





6. Review the details, then when finished, Click on the "Return to My Requests Page" to review the list of current requests.

Request Details

Request cancellation was successful.

Request ID: 100000001101

Status: Canceled

Cancellation Date: 4/6/2015

CRID: 94553033 Permit: 920

Master MID: 901018504 Partner MID: 901018504

Submitted Date: 3/27/2015 Start Date: 3/30/2015 End Date: 4/30/2015

Frequency: Every week on Thursday Non-Delivery Day Option: Next Delivery Day

Original Address:

TOOTH FAIRY DENTAL SERVICE TOOTH FAIRY 18 WASHINGTON PL NEW YORK, NY 10003-6638

Forwarding Address: SALLY MAINE 5155 PARKSTONE DR CHANTILLY, VA 20151-3812

Shipping Method: Priority Mail

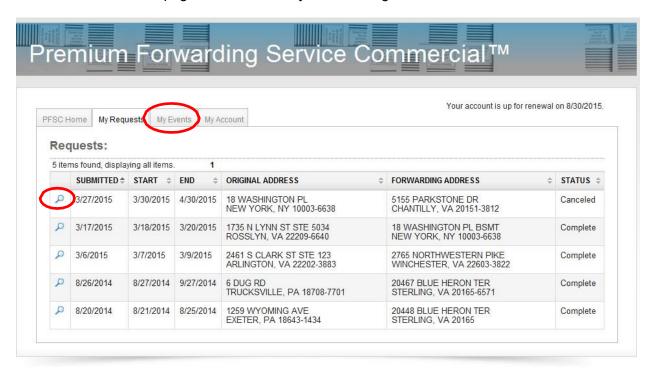
Return to My Requests Page



View Upcoming Deliveries

Since a business may have several ongoing PFSC requests coming and going to several locations on a regular basis, it can get complicated, really fast. The "My Events" tab is a way to see everything in a single view. These activities are known in the system as "events".

1. From the homepage, click on the "My Events" Page





2. Then click on the magnifying glass of any event to view more details.

Request Details

Request ID: 10000001080

Status: Complete Completion Date:

CRID: 94553033 Permit: 612

Master MID: 901018504 Partner MID: 901018504

Submitted Date: 3/17/2015 Start Date: 3/18/2015 End Date: 3/20/2015

Frequency: Daily (Monday-Saturday) Non-Delivery Day Option: Next Delivery Day

Original Address: SALES SUPPORT TEN TOMORROWS 1735 N LYNN ST STE 5034 ROSSLYN, VA 22209-6640

Forwarding Address: BOOK SELLERS TERRA FLU 18 WASHINGTON PL BSMT NEW YORK, NY 10003-6638

Shipping Method: Priority Mail Express

Back



Troubleshooting

eVS Login

If you receive this error, it means that the business has not been verified through the USPS. Please call the helpdesk and provide your Username, CRID, and permit number in order to move forward.

eVS/PRS Participant Error Message

User account notification

You have attempted to access the Manage Electronic Verification Activity (eVS) or Manage Electronic Return Activity (PRS) service from Business Customer Gateway. Before you can use this functionality, your business location(s) must be enabled as an eVS or PRS Participant.

Please contact Help Desk at (877)264-9693 or at evs@usps.gov to have this completed.

You may use the Home link to return to Business Customer Gateway.

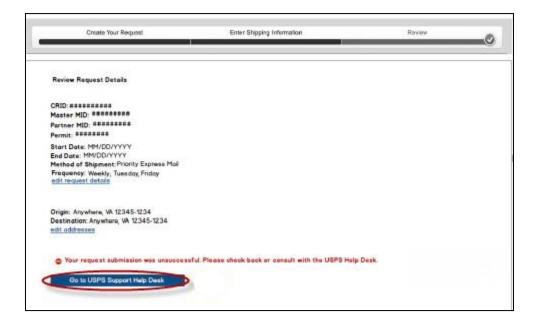
Failed Confirmation

If the payment fails, there may be a problem with the payment information. Please check the values for these 10 items:

- 1. Customer Registration Identification (CRID)
- 2. Master Mailer Identification (MID)
- 3. Partner MID
- 4. Partner ID
- 5. Start Date
- 6. End Date
- 7. Method of Shipment
- 8. Frequency
- 9. Origin
- 10. Destination



If all of these values appear to be correct, click on the "Go to USPS Support Help Desk" button to research what might be causing the problem.





PFSC is not available for the address listed

Addresses must be complete business addresses, identified as businesses in the Address Management System (AMS). Enter a complete business address and click "Validate Address".



Note; APO/FPO Addresses are not eligible for Premium Forwarding Service Commercial.



Payment Unsuccessful

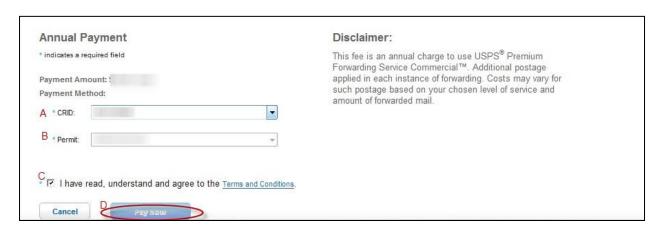
If the form of payment provided could not be processed, please check the Customer Registration Identification, Mailer Identification, and Permit number. If all of these values appear to be correct please contact eVS® Help Desk at 877-264-9693 or eVS@usps.gov for assistance.

Renewal

1. If your account is up for renewal, click on the "Renew Now" button and go through steps 7 and 8 of "Using the Premium Forwarding Service Application" to renew the account.



- 2. Select payment method
 - a. Select CRID from the drop down menu of CRIDs linked to the account
 - b. Select Permit from the drop down menu of Permit's linked to the account
 - c. Check the checkbox once you have read
 - d. Click Pay now





Reporting and Payment

The reporting and billing for the Premium Forwarding Service Commercial service is available through the PostalOne! System. This service allows the following:

- Manage Electronic Verification Activity (eVS)
- Manage permits
- View balances and fees
- View mailing reports

For more information on this system, please navigate to https://www.usps.com/postalone/welcome.htm.





Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Premium Forwarding Service Commercial?

A: Premium Forwarding Service Commercial (PFSC) is a service that allows approved businesses to consolidate their company mail received from multiple business P.O. Boxes and/or business street addresses into a single shipment for delivery to an alternate, domestic business address as either Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail.

Q: Is there a fee for Premium Forwarding Service Commercial?

A: In addition to postage costs for shipping to another location, there is an annual enrollment fee for PFSC which can be found in Notice 123.

Q: What are the mailer requirements for using Premium Forwarding Services Commercial?

A: Register as a Business Customer Gateway (BCG) User. Obtain access to the Premium Forwarding Service Commercial (PFSC), Electronic Verification System (eVS), Online Enrollment, Mailer ID (MID), and Manage Mailing Activity business services in BCG. PFSC requires an eVS Permit. The Permit is acquired during the eVS enrollment process. The Permit must be linked to an existing CAPS Debit account or linked to a new CAPS Debit account during the eVS enrollment process. To create a new CAPS debit account during the enrollment process, you will need your bank routing and account numbers.

Q: Are there frequency limits to scheduling PFSC?

A: PFSC shipments are based on customer need and may be scheduled (as noted in the USPS agreement) daily, weekly, or monthly. Daily PFSC shipments are limited to one per day, Monday through Saturday service.

Q: Is there a minimum piece requirement for shipping PFSC?

A: There is no PFSC minimum piece requirement.

Q: Which mail classes are used to ship PFSC?

A: PFSC is shipped using Priority Mail Express or Priority Mail service.

Q: Can PFSC be shipped internationally?

A: No, PFSC is a domestic only service.



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Q: Which USPS payment options can be used to pay PFSC postage?

A: Customers must use an eVS Permit linked to a CAPS debit account.

Q: How are Business Reply Mail (BRM) and Merchandise Return Service (MRS) prepared for PFSC dispatch?

A: Return mail is weighed and rated for each piece. The BRM & MRS accounts are debited the appropriate postage prior to dispatch and forwarding to the PFSC destination address.

Q: Can Accountable mail be shipped PFSC?

A: Accountable items (except Registered Mail) are shipped separately to the Postmaster of the destination post office for proper handling, scanning, sign-off, and delivery.

Q: How is Registered Mail handled under PFSC?

A: Registered Mail items do not qualify for PFSC and therefore cannot be included in the PFSC shipment. Registered Mail must be signed for and delivered as addressed to the recipient at the origin PFSC post office.

Q: How are PFSC shipments processed at the destination post office?

A: Upon arrival at the destination post office the PFSC container, box, tray, or Flat Rate Envelope is scanned as "Arrival at Unit." Scanned PFSC containers are then provided to the appropriate carrier/route or Box Section clerk for processing and subsequently scanned as "Delivered" when delivered to the customer.

Q: Is the Premium Forwarding Service Commercial Enrollment fee refundable?

A: The Premium Forwarding Service Commercial enrollment fee is not refundable. The service maybe cancelled, but the enrollment fee is non-refundable.



Need More Information?

Contact:

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