

USPS January 2022 Price Change FAQs

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General Price Change Questions

1. When is the Price Change in January 2022?

Commercial applications are being made available two weeks prior to the Price Change Effective Date; applications will be made available on December 26, 2021. Price Change Effective Date is January 9, 2022.

2. Is Mail.dat / XML NSA flag used by PostalOne!?

The NSA flag is not used. NSA prices are determined by eligible permits used for shipping.

3. Since the implementation of the Nonstandard Fee is delayed till April 3, 2022, are we required to implement the updated Postage Statements on January 9, 2022?

The current 3600-PM (Priority Mail) and current 3600-FCM (First-Class Package Services) can continue to be used until April 3, 2022. All other mailings must use the updated statements effective January 9, 2022.

Nonstandard Fee & Dimensional Noncompliance Fee

1. When is Nonstandard Fee going into effect?

The Nonstandard Fee is now planned to go into effect in April 3, 2022.

2. When is Dimensional Noncompliance Fee going into effect?

The Dimensional Noncompliance Fee is now planned to go into effect in April 3, 2022.

3. Is the Nonstandard Fee applicable to First-Class Package Service?

Nonstandard Fee applies to First-Class Package Service Retail only. PS Form 3600 FCM redline is update on Postal Explorer to reflect this change.

4. Is the Nonstandard Fee applicable to Package Services Parcel Select Destination Entry for Nonmachinable parcels?

Nonstandard Fee applies to all Packages Service Parcel Select Destination Entry packages, including Nonmachinable parcels.

5. Is Dimensional Weight value (in eVS or PPC Manifest) used when the mail class does not have a dimensional price, such as First-Class Package Service, or Parcel Select Lightweight?

eVS and PPC will be ignoring Dimensional Weight for classes where Dimensional weight is not applicable.

6. What is the application (eVS or PPC) behavior when manifested dimensions result in a Nonstandard Fee; however, the Extra Service Codes are not provided or provided incorrectly?

The applications are expected to apply appropriate Nonstandard Fee, irrespective of the Extra Service Fee.

7. Would the Dimensional Noncompliance Fee apply when correct dimensions are manifested, but the Extra Service Codes are not populated?

No, Dimensional Noncompliance Fee is applicable when the captured dimensions (length, width, height) have a length greater than 22 inches or volume greater than one cubic foot when manifested dimensions are either incorrect or are not provided.

8. Are there specific Extra Service Code fields that are used for the new Nonstandard Fee (881, 882, 883) Extra Service Codes? Is there any specific order required?

These Extra Service Code are independent of order, recommended to use the first ESC field available.

9. Is it possible that Extra Service Code 881 & 882 would be used in conjunction with a an 883 or would it be one of the three?

The Extra Service Code combination will be 881 or 882 plus 883. (881 and 882 are mutually exclusive). Allowed combinations are represented below:

881 + 883
882 + 883
881
882
883

10. What rate ingredient combinations would the ESCs (881, 882, 883) apply to?

All rate ingredients for the following mail classes (Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, Parcel Select Lightweight, and First-Class Packages Service Retail) need the extra service fee.

11. Do these surcharges replace Nonmachinable mail types? For instance, over 27" is currently considered Nonmachinable at a different rate structure, are these on top of that? Or in place of that?

Nonmachinable criteria determines how package mailings need to be prepared and entered. These new applicable fees are based on length and cubic size.

12. Is the Nonstandard Fee applicable to all Priority Mail products?

The Nonstandard Fee is applicable to all Priority Mail products, other than the products under: Flat Rate packaging, Regional Rate packaging, Cubic Tiered products or Open and Distribute products.

13. Is the Nonstandard Fee applicable to all Priority Mail Express products?

The Nonstandard Fee is applicable to all Priority Mail Express products, other than the products under: Flat Rate packaging or Open and Distribute products.

14. Is the Nonstandard Fee applicable to Priority Mail returns and Priority Mail Express returns?

No, the Nonstandard Fee does not apply to returns. It is only applicable to outbound Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express packages.

15. If a shipper has a Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA), can the Nonstandard Fee package dimension and package cubic volume thresholds be configured for the shipper as part of the NSA?

No, the package dimensions and cubic volume thresholds are not configurable as part of NSA.

16. Does the LENGTH/VOLUME need to be dynamic for the postage statements since the January release suggested adding configurable fields for package LENGTH and VOLUME?

The thresholds for Nonstandard Fee associated to package Length and Volume will only change during a major update such as a Price Change release.

17. Which extra service line on the postage statement should be used for which products/mail classes?

	PS Destination Entry	PS Lightweight	PS Ground	FCPS Retail	PM	PME
S46 -Nonstandard Fee -None/Origin > 22" <= 30" (only for PSLW)	NA	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S47 -Nonstandard Fee -DNDC/DSCF > 22" <= 30"	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S48 -Nonstandard Fee -DDU/DHub > 22" <= 30"	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S49 -Nonstandard Fee -None/Origin > 30" (only for PSLW)	NA	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S50 -Nonstandard Fee -DNDC/DSCF > 30"	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S51 -Nonstandard Fee -DDU/DHub > 30"	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S52 -Nonstandard Fee -None/Origin > 2 Cubic Ft (only for PSLW)	NA	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S53 -Nonstandard Fee -DNDC/DSCF > 2 Cubic Ft	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S54 -Nonstandard Fee -DDU/DHub > 2 Cubic Ft	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	NA	NA	NA	NA
S55 Nonstandard Fee > 22" <= 30"	NA	NA	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE
S56 Nonstandard Fee > 30"	NA	NA	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE
S57 Nonstandard Fee > 2 Cubic Ft	NA	NA	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE	APPLICABLE

18. If Extra Service Codes (ESCs) 881,882 and 883 are used after the Jan 2022 release, even though Nonstandard Fees are not active, what is the impact in eVS?

eVs will ignore the ESCs prior to the effective date.

19. For the Nonstandard Fee associated to package **length**, are there any rounding rules applicable when verifying the length?

No, Rounding does not apply to Nonstandard Fee for package **length**.

20. For the Nonstandard Fee associated to package cubic **volume**, are there any applicable rounding rules?

Yes, rounding rules apply when calculating package **volume**. The package dimensions (length, width, and height) should be rounded off to the next whole number, then multiplied to calculate the package cubic volume. If the calculated package cubic volume exceeds 3,456 inches, the Nonstandard Fee for exceeding 2 cubic feet volume applies. Reference DMM sections 110.1.6, 130.1.5, 210.1.9, 220.1.12, 250.1.8.

USPS Tracking Plus

1. Are there any limitations for USPS Tracking Plus when submitting the statements using Mail.dat or Mail.XML?

Mail.dat and Mail.XML support USPS Tracking Plus for packages that bear an IMpb. The limitation is related to First-Class Mail Letters that bear an IMb; and these mailings require an IMpb for Certified Mail Extra Service to support USPS Tracking Plus.

Machinable DSCF SCF

1. Related to Parcel Select DSCF entered Machinable SCF is Mail.dat CSM or CQT used to determine the DSCF Entry discount/

For Parcel Select Mail.dat CQT Destination Entry field is used to determine the entry discount.

2. Is Parcel Select DSCF Oversized 3-Digit an NSA price only? (PS Form 3605 Line C21)

Parcel Select DSCF Oversized 3-Digit is nonmachinable and not restricted to NSA.

Promotions 2022

1. Are there updates to the Metered Incentive / Promotions in 2022?

Yes, the metered incentive denominations related to promotions will be updated for January 2022 (the new promotion calendar year starts).

Pending Periodicals

1. Will the price files contain the percentage information related to Mail Classes associated with pending Periodical publications?

Yes, the pending Periodicals Mail Class percentages will be posted as part of both the price files; as well as, the SKU files.

Plus One Permanent Product

1. What presort in the DMM is performed for the Plus One card trays and pallets? (What DMM Sections?)

Tray presort would be based on USPS Marketing Mail ECR letters; DMM 245.6.7. Pallet presort would follow DMM 705.8.10.3.

2. Is the Plus One mailing only permitted to include the Saturation, High Density Plus, and High Density Automation Letters entered at a DSCF? Or can the mailing also include other letters at different presort prices and entered at other entry facilities?

Since host pieces and qualifying Plus One pieces are claimed on separate statement lines, other presort levels can be claimed within the same mailing.

Note PostalOne! Technical Implementation: Plus One mailing can have mailings for other letters other than Saturation, High Density Plus and High Density Automation Letters entered at DSCF. The volume % rule for Plus One is related to DSCF entered Saturation, High Density Plus and High Density where volume of the pieces of Plus One must not exceed the combined volume of Auto DSCF entered Saturation, High Density Plus and High Density, and that 90% of these host piece must be DSCF entered Saturation.

3. How are the Plus One cards recorded on the Qualification Report? (What should the Qualification Report look like with respect to the Plus One cards?)

Is there a Price Level (DMM 203.3.3) to use for the Plus One cards?
 Or are the Plus One cards listed using Price Levels according to the presort levels?
 Or are the Plus One cards not listed in a column?

The PostalOne! Qualification report for Mail.dat based mailings will list PlusOne volume under the column of PO as well as under labels of Plus One.
 The PostalOne! Qualification report for Mail.XML based mailings will list PlusOne volume under the column of the presort RateLevel selected in the Qualification Report messages (typically the Plus One pieces will be 3D or 5D sorted); in a future specification Mail.XML RateLevel under Qualification Report messages would require to be synchronized with Rate Categories. This limitation for Mail.XML is due to limited information available at the time DTAC CRs were filed.

4. What are the rules for the tray tag destination and content lines for all the possible Plus One card tray levels?

The preparation is expected to follow Automation CR letter preparation. Plus One trays would be prepared under DMM 245.6.7.

5. What Content Identification Numbers (CINs) are used in the IMtbs for all the possible Plus One card tray levels?

The CIN 557 is expected to be used for a CR-RT tray, and mailing based on 5D and/or 3D CR-RT trays are expected to use CINs 564 – MKT LTR 5D CR-RT BC or 565 -MKT LTR 3D CR-RT BC.

DMM Reference: 204.3.2.4 3-Digit Content Identifier Numbers

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ECR Letters — Barcoded

saturation price	557	MKT LTR BC WSS ¹
high density or high density plus price	557	MKT LTR BC WSH ¹
5-digit carrier routes trays	564	MKT LTR 5D CR-RT BC
3-digit carrier routes trays	565	MKT LTR 3D CR-RT BC

6. What are the rules for the pallet placard destination and content lines for all the possible Plus One card pallet levels?

Pallet presort follows DMM 705.8.10.3 with the likely preferred preparation to maximize the pallet of Plus One trays being an SCF pallet.

7. Which field in the Mail.dat job is used to identify the entry of DSCF for Plus One products?

Plus One product statement mapping for Entry is driven off of the CQT-1105 – Destination Entry; a value of S represents DSCF.