



Overnight Periodicals Program

The Overnight Periodicals Program allows mailers to enter mailings of time-sensitive Periodicals publications to a Destination Post Office™ at times when the BMEU is closed. Overnight Drop Periodicals mailings are transported by the mailer and are intended for short-haul local distribution (Zones 1 and 2) to improve the delivery time of the publication.

All requests for authorizations for Overnight Drop of Time-Sensitive Periodicals must be submitted to the Mailing Shipping Solutions Center at 1-877-672-0007 or email MSSC@usps.gov who will notify:

- District Manager Business Mail Entry (MBME)
- The MBME will forward the publisher's request to the Headquarters Manager Business Acceptance Performance Specialists (MBAPS) for review
- If approved, the District MBME notifies the publisher and the acceptance post office

Periodicals Eligible to be considered as Overnight Periodicals must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Funding for mailings must be in the account prior to deposit of the mailing
2. Mail 500,000 or fewer copies per fiscal year
3. Mail 10,000 or less copies per postage statement
4. At least 50% or more mailed copies at the In-County prices
5. Mail at a frequency of weekly or more often.
6. Be enrolled in the USPS Alternate Marked-Copy program. This program provides publishers the option to submit marked copies for Periodicals mailings at the time of the Statement of Ownership review; eliminating the requirement to provide marked copies with every mailing. Instructions for enrolling in the Alternate Marked Copy Program are available at <https://postalpro.usps.com/USPSVerificationofPeriodicalsAdvertisingPercentage>
7. Electronic submission by the mailer of postage statements and piece-level supporting documentation (eDoc) to a *PostalOne!* BMEU office. *Electronic postage statement and supporting electronic documentation must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. after the overnight drop occurs. Mailers are encouraged (not required) to provide the Electronic Confirmation Acceptance Notice (ECAN) when presenting the mail.*
8. All previously approved Overnight Periodicals authorizations are required to migrate to Electronic submission of postage statements and supporting documentation (eDoc) to a *PostalOne!* BMEU office. (Contact the Mailing Shipping Solutions Center at 1-877-672-0007 or email MSSC@usps.gov for assistance with the migration to electronic documentation.)

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Mailer Responsibilities

- Ensure that sufficient funds are available in the Periodicals permit account *prior* to mail acceptance for all mailings.
- Ensure mail is presented before any established Critical Entry Time to ensure USPS ability to provide timely delivery.
- Maintain a frequency of weekly or more often.
- Enroll in the USPS Alternate Marked-Copy program
- Electronic submission of postage statement and piece-level supporting documentation is provided
- Ensure that only authorized Overnight Periodicals are dropped at approved overnight locations. All other classes of mail must be presented during regular BMEU business hours.

CHANGE HISTORY LOG

DATE	DOCUMENT SECTION	CHANGE	EFFECTIVE DATE
6/2/2021	All	New external document	6/30/2021
06/07/2023	All	Omitted unclear language and added trademarks	06/07/2023