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New postage prices and fees go into effect on Monday, May 14, including an increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp to 41 cents. But not all prices are going up.

Starting May 14, the price to mail a 2-ounce First-Class Mail letter will drop from the current 63 cents to 58 cents. Also, individual and business mailers can save money beginning Monday with shaped-based pricing — a new pricing system based on the shape of the mail, not just the weight. Mailers can pay lower rates with shape-based pricing if they can find ways to configure the mail into shapes that reduce handling costs for the Postal Service. For example, if the contents of a First-Class Mail piece are folded and placed in a letter-sized envelope, customers can reduce postage for that piece by as much as 39 cents. And if the contents of a First-Class Mail package fit into a larger envelope, customers can save 33 cents per piece.

Customers also can save money on future mailings by buying Forever Stamps, currently for sale at the new 41-cent First-Class Mail letter price. The value of these stamps will always be the same as the 1-ounce letter price in effect and can be used for any future 1-ounce letter rate without adding extra postage. In addition to the new domestic rates, changes in international rates will take effect on May 14. USPS has reduced its eight international products to four — Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, Priority Mail International and First-Class Mail International. Mailers can use the same Priority Mail and Express Mail packaging for shipping in the United States and to other countries. The charts below list some of the more common new prices and fees.

Selected Prices

	Effective May 14
First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.)	4 1 ¢
First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz.)	58¢ (down from 63¢)
Postcard	2 6 ¢
Priority Mail (1 lb.)	\$ 4 . 6 0
Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box	\$ 8 . 9 5
Express Mail (1/2 lb)	\$ 16 . 25
NEW Express Mail (1 lb)	\$ 19 . 50
Express Mail (2 lb)	\$ 21 . 40
Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp	5 5 ¢

Extra Services and Fees

	Effective May 14
Certified Mail	\$ 2 . 6 5
Delivery Confirmation (Priority)	6 5 ¢
Delivery Confirmation (First-Class Mail parcels)	7 5 ¢
Return Receipt (Original Signature)	\$ 2 . 1 5
Return Receipt (Electronic)	8 5 ¢
Money Orders (up to \$500)	\$ 1 . 0 5