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New Postage Rates Take Effect May 14

WASHINGTON, D.C. — New postage rates go into effect on Monday, May 14, including a two-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp to 41 cents. Post Offices nationwide are now selling the new 41-cent stamps and also one and two-cent stamps for customers who still have a supply of 39-cent stamps.

Customers can also order stamps online at www.usps.com or by telephone at 1-800-STAMP-24. The new stamps are also available at Automated Postal Centers and ATM's nationwide (beginning May 14).

The below charts provide examples of some of the new rates and fees:

Selected Rates	Effective May 14
First-Class Letter (1 oz.)	41¢
First-Class Letter (2 oz.)	58¢
Postcard	26¢
Priority Mail (1 lb.)	\$4.60
Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box	\$8.95
Express Mail (1/2 lb)	\$16.25
NEW Express Mail (1 lb)	\$19.50
Express Mail (2 lb)	\$21.40

Fee and Services	Effective May 14
Certified Mail	\$2.65
Delivery Confirmation (Priority)	65¢
Delivery Confirmation (First Class Parcels)	75¢
Return Receipt (Original Signature)	\$2.15
Return Receipt (Electronic)	85¢
Money Orders (up to \$500)	\$1.05

Also on May 14 the Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp goes on sale at the new 55-cent price. Since 1998, the Postal Service has raised more than \$53 million for breast cancer research through the sale of this semipostal stamp.

In addition to the new domestic rates, changes will take effect May 14 for customers sending international mail. USPS has simplified its eight main international products into four: Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail International, Priority Mail International and First-Class Mail International. New packaging will allow mailers to use the same Priority Mail and Express Mail packaging for shipping both within the United States and to other countries. For details of the International Mail changes, go to: <http://www.usps.com/ratecase> and select "New International Rates, Fees and Country Listing."

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to cover its operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$73 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.