



# **Everything You Need to Know About the 2024 Mailing & Shipping Postage Rates**



## **Today's Agenda**



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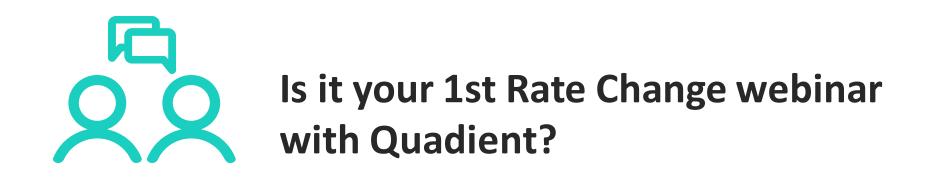


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Find solutions to navigating these new rates, fees & surcharges and the impact on your mailroom budget now!





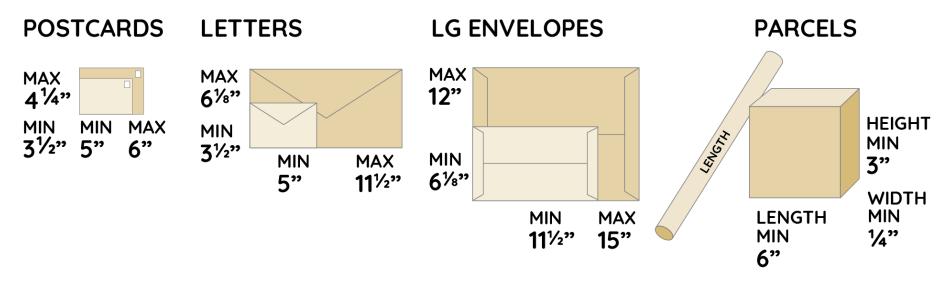
## USPS Rate Change: January 21, 2024



## **USPS Rate Increase:**

- Mailing services products: approximately 2%
- USPS Ground Advantage: 5.4% average increase
- Priority Mail service: 5.7% average increase
- Priority Mail Express service: 5.9% average increase





GIRTH = circumference or distance around longest side LENGTH + GIRTH cannot exceed 108" or 130" for Retail Ground



Product	Current Price	New Price
Stamp Price (1oz)	66 cents	68 cents
Meter Price (1oz)	63 cents	64 cents
Letters additional ounce(s)	24 cents	24 cents
Domestic Postcards	51 cents	53 cents
International Letter (1 oz.)	\$1.50	\$1.55



#### Tip:

Save time and money and save up to 4 cents vs. a stamp!

If you send 500 pieces of mail per day, you can save \$400/month.





Product	<b>Current Price</b>	New Price	
Certified Mail <sup>®</sup> fee	\$4.35	\$4.40	
Return Receipt (hard copy)	\$3.55	\$3.65	
Return Receipt (electronic)	\$2.20	\$2.32	
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#### Q: Norma M:

We need guidance in how to stamp certified mail correctly and send it directly from our office instead of going to the post office every time we need to send certified mail.

**A:** You don't have to go to the Post Office! Send Certified Mail right from your computer or home office and save 36% on the cost using an online solution like e-Certify.





Product	Post Office	Quadient	Savings
Regular Flat Rate Envelope	\$9.85	\$8.50	\$1.35
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$10.15	\$8.80	\$1.35
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$10.60	\$9.30	\$1.35
Small Flat Rate Boxes	\$10.40	\$9.05	\$1.35
Medium Flat Rate Boxes	\$18.40	\$16.00	\$2.40
Large Flat Rate Boxes	\$24.75	\$21.85	\$2.90





**SAVE UP** 

**TO 17%!** 

with Quadient

Product	Post Office	Quadient	Savings
Flat Rate Envelope	\$30.45	\$26.35	\$4.10
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$30.65	\$26.65	\$4.00
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$31.20	\$26.85	\$4.35

**Tip:** Use this when you need something delivered fast! It guarantees delivery overnight and is available 365 days a year.



First-Class Mail Commercial Prices	Price
Mixed AADC Automation Letters (1 oz.)	\$0.547
AADC Automation Letters (1 oz.)	\$0.553
5-Digit Automation Letters (1 oz.)	\$0.507
Mixed ADC Automation Flats (1 oz.)	\$0.893
Postcard Machinable Presorted	\$0.406

### **Q: Courtney H:**

I would like to learn how to process bulk mailings?

A: With the right mail volume, you can earn a discount on bulk mail if it is presorted by zip code. That saves the USPS from having to do the work, so they pass the savings on to your business!

#### Tip:

You can get access to postage discounts with presort prices using our mail automation software Impress<sup>®</sup>.





Size	Post Office	Quadient	Savings
1 - 4 oz.	\$5.00	\$3.79	\$1.21
5 - 8 oz.	\$5.70	\$4.21	\$1.49
9 - 12 oz.	\$6.50	\$4.87	\$1.63
13 oz	\$8.00	\$6.17	\$1.83



**Tip:** Multicarrier shipping software helps you unlock the best rates and takes the guesswork out of your dayto-day process.



## **FedEx® Increases, Surcharges and Fees**





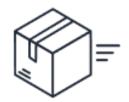
January 1, 2024 FedEx Rate Change



- FedEx Express
- FedEx Ground
- FedEx Freight

#### Surcharges:

- Additional Handling (FedEx Ground, Zone 2, +\$3.50)
- Address Correction (+\$1.50)
- Delivery Area Surcharge (FedEx Ground +\$0.25 per package)
- FedEx Delivery Signature Options (FedEx Ground +\$0.50 per package)
- FedEx Ground Automated Pickup Weekly Fee (+\$1.00)



## **UPS® Rate Change**





Dec 26, 2023 UPS Rate Change



- UPS<sup>®</sup> Ground
- UPS Air
- International services
- UPS SurePost
- Small Business Rates

#### Surcharges:

- <u>Demand Surcharge</u>: Additional Handling, Large Package Surcharge, Over Maximum Limits **decreased** as of Jan 14, 2024, until further notice.
- <u>No more Demand Surcharge</u> applied to UPS Air Residential, UPS Ground Residential and UPS SurePost packages, for customers who are billed for more than 20,000 packages.

## Let's Talk about Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI)



#### **IBI: Information-Based Indicia** (Phased out by June 2024)



#### IMI: Intelligent Mail Indicia (New Technology)



#### Benefits of IMI:

- Better postal data
- More accurate postage
- Stronger security
- Automatic updates
- Fraud detection

#### Dates to Remember:

- Jun 30, 2024: The USPS will officially decertify all non-IMI postage meters
- **Dec 31, 2024:** All non-IMI compliant postage meters will be considered inactive.
- **Extension date:** For high-volume mailers or other business that meet specific criteria. Contact a Quadient rep to see if you qualify.



## Why is the Postal Service Decertifying Meters?

#### **Reasons for decertification:**

- IBI technology dates back to 1999
- Only offers basic information
- Increased mailing & shipping volumes
- Time to modernize with other digital technologies

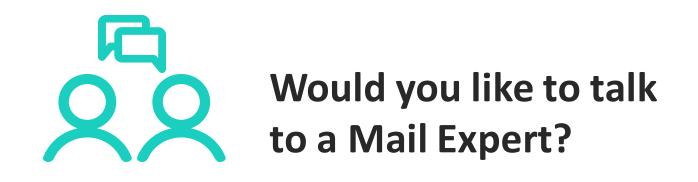
#### **Decertified products:**

- Quadient IS/IN/IM postage meters
- Affordable options for PB products









Get a quote on an IMI-compliant postage meter or talk with a Quadient rep about solutions to reduce mailing & shipping costs!



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## Get the meter discount!

Save on your mailing costs and skip the Post Office. It's costing your business time and money.



## Think about presorting mail.

You can get access to postage discounts with presort prices using our mail automation software Impress<sup>®</sup>.



## **Do Certified Mail® online.**

Use Electronic Return Receipt. Upgrade your entire process and save 38% on all Certified Mail costs immediately with an online solution like e-Certify.



## **Consider mail automation.**

Fold, insert and seal mail in one step with a folding machine! Just set a job and return to find envelopes securely stacked and ready to be metered.

## **6 Ways to Reduce Your Shipping Costs**





- Use package services that are not subject to DIM/ Volumetric weight.
- Use the smallest possible box to ship your items.



Use flat envelopes or pouches when shipping soft items.



• Use software to get Commercial Base or Daily Rate discounts.

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- Audit your invoices! Look for hidden fees and monthly charges.
- Explore multiple carriers, or use software that can do it for you.







## Q: Deb F:

Do I need to do anything to get the new USPS rates entered into the meter for the January 21, 2024 rate increase, or will it be done automatically?

**A:** Update Quadient postage meters by making a "Generic Call" from the machine to the server.

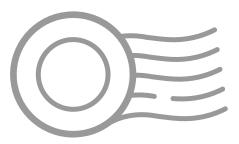
iX Series Meters, Neoship, and e-Certify will automatically update rates. Just log off & log in! Find step by step instructions, visuals, and a lot more helpful information:

IS/IM Series \_\_\_\_









### **Q: Jennifer D:** *Are the D400 stickers being discontinued?*

**A:** Yes, but new labels can be obtained by going to MyQuadient.com and logging in to your account.

## Q: Linda G:

Are there step-by-step instructions on how to use machines for different types of mailings?

A: Everything you need to know about your postage meter, how to use it, how to update it, is on our **Knowledge Base**. Check it out, find your postage meter and follow the instructions.





## **Updated January 2024 Postage Rate Guides**

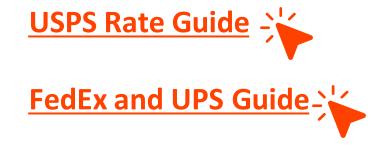




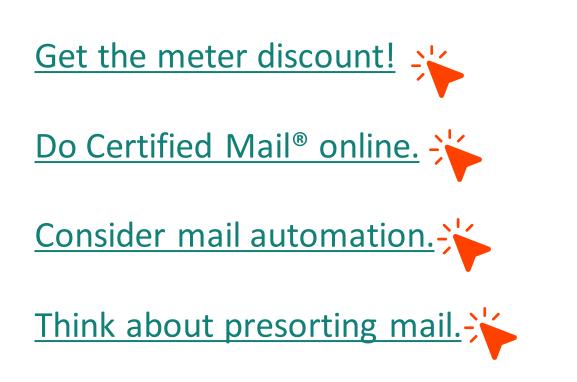
#### Q: Miriam F:

I would like a sheet with rates for weights and size of letters. Do you have that?

A: Yes! Check out our updated rate guides!









Save on Shipping Costs: Rate Shop

What is DIM Weight?

2024 USPS, Fedex and UPS Mailing & Shipping Rates





# Thank you for attending!