

UPDATE: Adequate Service of Specifications of Objections on Candidates by Objector

As of on or about April 1, 2025, the USPS product known as “USPS PRIORITY EXPRESS NEXT DAY” no longer exists. It has been replaced by “Priority Mail Express 1-3 Day.” “Priority Mail Express 1-3 Day,” will not in all instances qualify as “overnight mail.”

Election Law 6-154 (3) (b) provides that specifications of objections must be served on the relevant candidate(s) before filing same with the board of elections. This service on the candidate(s) must occur either by: (i) personal delivery or (ii) by sending via “overnight mail” (or its Election Law 1-106 “overnight” equivalents).

“Priority Mail Express 1-3 Day” only meets the “overnight mail” requirement for service on the relevant candidate(s) when the estimated day of delivery stated by the USPS **is the next day** after the date of mailing.

Please note that FedEx “Overnight” and United Parcel Service (UPS) “Next Day” products that provide for next day delivery, remain sufficient.

Provided the anticipated date of delivery of the specifications of objections is the next day, the objector meets their obligation to “mail [] by overnight mail a duplicate copy of the specification...”

The NYSBOE Guidance related to Specifications of Objections dated 4.17.2023 is superseded to the extent it is inconsistent with this Guidance, and a conforming version of the prior comprehensive guidance document will be issued.

United States Postal Service®

INDUSTRYALERT

April 1, 2025

**USPS Aligns Priority Mail Express Product with
Delivering for America Plan Initiatives**

The Postal Service is refining the service standard for domestic retail and commercial Priority Mail Express service to align with operational initiatives that the Postal Service is implementing on a nationwide basis to transform our processing and transportation networks to achieve greater operational precision and efficiency, significantly reduce costs, and enhance service pursuant to the *Delivering for America* strategic plan (DFA Plan).

Consistent with these efforts and the refinements to service standards for Market Dominant products announced on February 28, 2025, the Postal Service issued a final rule updating its service standards for Priority Mail Express. The final rule states that Priority Mail Express delivery service will have a 1-day, 2-day, or 3-day service standard depending on various factors, including the date on which the item is accepted by the Postal Service and the origin and destination 5-digit ZIP Code. This revision does not affect any other current product features. Priority Mail Express will continue to be a money-back guaranteed product with delivery available 7 days a week in certain areas. The final rule will go into effect April 1, 2025, with the first phase of the larger service standard refinement.

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