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Some Post Offices Open Late April 15 *Locations available through usps.com and 800-ASK-USPS*

WASHINGTON, DC — It's that time of year again and the Postal Service stands ready to serve customers waiting until the last minute to mail their tax returns. Many Post Offices will stay open late April 15; some as late as midnight. To find Post Offices with extended hours, customers can visit www.usps.com and click "locate a Post Office," or call 1-800-ASK-USPS.

"When mailing your taxes through the Postal Service, your return is considered filed if postmarked by April 15," said Consumer Advocate and Vice President Delores Killete. "And if your taxes need to be mailed to a Post Office Box, the Postal Service is the only carrier that can deliver for you."

Killete also reminded customers to use adequate postage and double check the envelope if it feels like it may weigh more than one ounce. Tax returns bearing insufficient postage will be returned.

"Write clearly and always include return address information," she added.

Customers can avoid the Post Office rush by dropping their returns in a blue Postal Service collection box, but they need to make sure the posted pick-up time occurs before midnight April 15.

Mailing Options

Three mailing options apply a postmark to your return:

- **[Express Mail® Service](#)**
Tax returns will be delivered to many locations the next day with a money back guarantee. Express Mail Service includes free online tracking and signature at delivery.
- **[Priority Mail® Service](#)**
Tax returns are delivered in an average of two- to three-days. Delivery confirmation is available.
- **[First-Class Mail® Service](#)**
First-Class Mail is a quick, reliable, and economical way to mail your return.

Proof of Mailing Services

Proof of Mailing services provides customers with peace of mind by proving their item was mail, delivered or both.

- **[Certificate of Mailing™ Service](#)**
Customers are provided with a receipt as evidence their tax return was mailed.
- **[Certified Mail™ Service](#)**
A Certified Mail receipt proves customers mailed their tax return. By going online, customers can verify the date and time of delivery.
- **[Return Receipt](#)**
This receipt verifies both mailing and delivery, returning a postcard to the customer signed by the person who received the tax return.

Buy Postage Online

Customers can also print shipping labels and buy postage online through the Postal Service's [Click-N-Ship®](#) service to send tax returns via Express Mail or Priority Mail with free Delivery Confirmation.

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