

## Employee and Labor Relations Manual

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### A. Introduction

The Postal Service™ is positioning itself to meet its current and future business objectives by maintaining a skilled and ready workforce that is diverse, engaged, efficient, and safe. This will enable the Postal Service to successfully perform our long-standing mission of providing affordable, reliable, universal service.

The *Employee and Labor Relations Manual* (ELM) is a critical tool for understanding and implementing the programs and processes that contribute to this goal.

### B. Explanation

ELM 45 was published in September 2018 and includes all revisions published in the *Postal Bulletin* through August 2, 2018. The Summary of Changes contains detailed information about all revisions since the publication of ELM 44 in March 2018. All changes published in the *Postal Bulletin* are effective immediately.

### C. Availability

1. **Online.** The online ELM is updated periodically; however, all ELM changes that are published in the *Postal Bulletin* are effective immediately. ELM Issues 12.1 through 44 are available on both the Postal Service PolicyNet website and at: <http://about.usps.com/manuals/elm/html/welcome.htm>

2. **Hard copy.** You can order the ELM from the Material Distribution Center (MDC) by using touch tone order entry (TTOE). Call 800-273-1509 and follow the prompts.

**Note:** You must be registered to use TTOE. To register, call 800-332-0317, option 1, extension 2925, and follow the prompts to leave a message. (Wait 48 hours after registering before placing your first order).

### D. Comments and Questions.

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