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Recent Postmark Changes by the USPS

March 6, 2026 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — The United States Postal Service (USPS) has updated its Domestic Mail Manual, effective December 24, 2025, regarding Postmarks and Postal Possession. The new rule is intended to improve public understanding of postmarks and their relationship to the date of mailing. The rule advises USPS customers to request a manual postmark at a retail location if they want to ensure that their mail piece receives a postmark containing a date that aligns with the date USPS first accepted possession of their mail piece.

The USPS explains that the postmark now applied at originating processing facilities contain a date that does not necessarily align with the date the Postal Service first accepted possession of the mail piece. The rule goes on to say that the lack of postmark alignment will become more common with implementation of the regional transportation optimization initiative (streamlining and efficiency effort). **Click here** for the USPS updated rule.

Many aspects of Nebraska law, including delivery date for tax documents, rely on the actual postmark stamp to determine the date of delivery. See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-27,125.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue (DOR) advises taxpayers to be aware that the postmark may either not appear or align with the date mail is submitted to the USPS. The DOR encourages taxpayers to safely and securely file and pay taxes online. For more information, visit revenue.nebraska.gov. Taxpayers who plan to mail tax documents or other materials to DOR should prepare for this USPS change by either mailing early to allow for sufficient time for documents to arrive at the DOR or by requesting a manual postmark at the USPS post office or retail location.

The DOR reminds taxpayers that the deadline to file individual income taxes is coming up on April 15, 2026.

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