



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Important Update: USPS Postmark Changes May Affect Timely Filing

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has implemented changes to its postmarking process that may impact the postmark dates on mailed tax returns, payments, appeals, and other time-sensitive correspondence. The Mississippi Department of Revenue (DOR) relies on the postmark date to determine whether filings are submitted on time.

Effective December 24, 2025, USPS began applying postmarks based on the date mail is first processed at a regional facility, rather than the date it is collected by a letter carrier or deposited at a local post office, mailbox, or retail location. As a result, the postmark date may be several days later than the date you originally mailed your item.

Steps to Ensure Timely Filing:

- **File and pay electronically.** The most reliable way to ensure DOR receives your return or payment on time is to submit electronically through the Taxpayer Access Point (TAP) at tap.dor.ms.gov. Income tax returns and payments can also be submitted through an approved software provider.
- **Mail early.** Do not wait until the due date. Allow additional time for postmarking and delivery.
- **Deliver in person.** Drop off your return or payment at any DOR district office.
- **Request a hand-stamped postmark.** Visit your local post office or USPS retail location and ask for a hand-stamped postmark or purchase postage at the counter. Printed labels include the correct acceptance date.

For additional details on this USPS change, refer to the guidance published in the *Federal Register* (90 Fed. Reg. 52883).