

United States Postal Service

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If this job requires qualification on an examination, the number of applicants who will be invited to take or retake the examination may be limited.

Branch

Washington DC Division

Job Posting Period

07/20/2026 - 08/02/2026

This job has an exam requirement. Currently, applicants for this posting who do not yet have an exam score are being invited to take the exam. Examining will continue until capacity has been reached.

Job Title

POSTAL POLICE OFFICER

Facility Location

U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Washington Division
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Position Information

TITLE: POSTAL POLICE OFFICER
FLSA DESIGNATION: Non-Exempt
OCCUPATION CODE: 2335-24XX
NON-SCHEDULED DAYS: VARIES
HOURS: VARIES
SALARY RANGE: 51,666 Annually
FINANCE NUMBER: 108204
BENEFIT INFORMATION: We offer excellent benefits including health and life insurance, retirement plan, savings/investment plan with employer contribution, flexible spending, flextime scheduling of core work hours, annual and sick leave.

Persons Eligible to Apply

This position is restricted to applicants eligible for veterans preference. Applicants who are not entitled to veterans preference may be considered only when preference eligible applicants are not available for appointment.

Reimbursement of relocation expenses will NOT be considered.

All applicants must apply on line at www.usps.com/employment. Paper or Emailed Applications for Employment will not be accepted in person or by email. You must have a valid email address and phone number to apply for this position. Communication regarding employment opportunities, examinations, interviews and background checks will be conveyed by email and/or telephone.

NOTE: We will communicate with you by email and phone concerning your application, so it is very important that you are able to receive our messages. Please add the following email domain addresses to your contact list right away to allow correspondence, especially if you use SPAM blocking software, use a yahoo or gmail account, or use a work or military email address!

@usps.gov

@psionline.com

@geninfo.com

EXAM REQUIRED: If you are invited to take this test, instructions regarding the exam process will be sent via email once you successfully submit your online application. Please ensure you can receive messages from our test vendor and follow instructions carefully so you can be considered for this employment opportunity!

ABSENCE OF RETREAT RIGHTS:

In accordance with Article 12 of the collective bargaining agreement, the probationary period for a PPO shall begin on the PPO's PS Form 50, Notification of Personnel Actions effective date and continue for 180 calendar days after the successful completion of the Postal Police Officer Basic Training Course. The probationary period shall be extended by one work day for each work day the PPO is absent from work due to illness, injury, or other causes. The Postal Service has the right to separate a probationary employee at any time during the probationary period and the probationary PPO is not entitled to the grievance procedure to appeal separation.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

The USPS provides reasonable accommodation for any part of the application, interview, and/or selection process, please make your request to the examiner, selecting official or local manager of Human Resources. This request can also be made by someone on your behalf. Explain the nature of your limitations and the accommodation needed. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

NOTICE TO CURRENT NON-CAREER POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES - Current non-career Postal Service employees who wish to apply for this vacancy must go to usps.com/employment and use your existing eCareer Profile to apply. Do not log into LiteBlue; if you logged into LiteBlue, log out and close your browser before going to usps.com/employment.

Background Check

The Inspection Service criminal background check is conducted using United States information resources only (e.g., FBI fingerprint check, state and county checks). A criminal background check involves a 10-year inquiry for any location where the individual has resided, worked or gone to school within the United States or its territories. As a result of this limitation, the criminal background checks of individuals who have not resided in the United States or its territories for the preceding 5-years may not be considered complete. The Inspection Service may be able to process inquiries for U.S. Citizens only, but only if their time spent out of the country was spent as: a trailing spouse or dependent of someone working for the U.S. government (military or civilian), a missionary, a student attending school in a foreign country, a Peace Corps participant, or as an employee of a U.S.-based employer/company. If the Inspection Service is unable to perform a complete background check because of residency outside the United States, such individuals will be ineligible for Postal employment.

Functional Purpose

In connection with property owned, occupied, or controlled by the Postal Service, enforces Federal laws and regulations for the protection of persons and property, consistent with statutory and regulatory authority, ensures safety and security of

personnel, customers, property, and mail.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Carries a firearm and other law enforcement equipment while on duty; uses reasonable force when necessary.
2. Maintains a log of all incidents reported and completes reports as needed.
3. Performs patrol duty, as assigned, on foot or by motor vehicle within jurisdictional authority in connection with property owned or occupied by the Postal Service.
4. Responds to emergency situations (e.g., burglaries, robberies, natural disasters, medical emergencies, Postal Service vehicle accidents); assists with evacuating employees in the facility during emergencies and drills.
5. Controls access to property owned or occupied by the Postal Service including direction of vehicle traffic; enforces the regulations for conduct on Postal Service property, and where authorized, writes citations for violations of these regulations; ensures compliance with security and safety policies and procedures.
6. Makes arrests in accordance with jurisdictional authority.
7. Testifies in court proceedings or at administrative hearings.
8. Makes contact with postal managers and other employees to enhance Postal Inspection Service community policing, crime prevention, and security efforts. Reports threats against employees and security breaches. Acts as a visible deterrent to criminal attack.
9. Conducts preliminary fact finding in connection with emergency response. Reports preliminary fact findings to appropriate authority for any necessary investigation.
10. Utilizes accepted law enforcement tactics to respond to active shooter incidents on property owned or occupied by the Postal Service.
11. Performs other job related tasks in support of the primary duties.

SUPERVISION

Postal Police Supervisor, Postal Police Tour Supervisor, or Postal Police Manager

The United States Postal Service has the following excellent and challenging employment opportunity for highly motivated and innovative individuals. Successful candidates must demonstrate through a combination of education, training, and experience the following requirements:

Requirements

1. QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

DOCUMENT DATE: July 29, 2023

FUNCTION

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND ABILITY REQUIREMENTS

This section is composed of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) that are required to satisfactorily perform the tasks of the position. Individuals must demonstrate a minimum level of their proficiency through successful completion of the applicable testing and interview procedure(s).

1. Ability to understand, interpret, and apply written instructions, policies, and regulations.
2. Ability to communicate and interact professionally with employees and customers.

3. Ability to communicate in writing sufficient to prepare reports which present information in a clear, concise manner with proper grammar and punctuation.
4. Ability to critically evaluate situations to identify alternative solutions.
5. Ability to maintain composure when responding to dangerous and volatile situations.
6. Ability to recall situations sufficient to document information related to ongoing interactions and events.
7. Ability to anticipate potential situations and reactions of others sufficient to identify and apply appropriate emotional response (e.g., empathy).
8. Ability to interact and resolve problems and/or disputes with individuals in different cultures and social groups.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must successfully pass Postal Service Exam 630. In addition, applicants must successfully complete a structured interview evaluation and writing exercise.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must successfully complete the Postal Police Officer Basic Training.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet minimum physical ability requirements as measured by a physical ability assessment.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

After receiving a conditional job offer, applicants must successfully complete a comprehensive medical review and assessment. A physical or mental condition/impairment that would hinder full, efficient performance of the duties of this position or that would cause an individual to be a hazard to themselves or others could be disqualifying.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. Applicants must possess a valid state driver's license and have a safe driving record for two (2) years or more.
2. Applicants must obtain and maintain certification in First Aid / Basic Life Support in accordance with US Postal Inspection Service Standards.
3. Applicants must obtain and maintain qualification and proficiency in the use of firearms in accordance with US Postal Inspection Service Standards.
4. Applicants must be willing to submit to a High Risk Background Investigation (BI). This investigation requires, among other things, completion of a questionnaire and fingerprinting for a criminal records check. The investigation may require a drug test. The successful applicant will be required to meet and maintain the requirements of this level of background investigation while holding this position.

Qualified applicants must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening to meet the U.S. Postal Service's requirement to be drug free. Applicants must also be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident alien status.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m., Central Time, of the posting's closing date. Applicants claiming veterans' preference must attach a copy of member copy 4 (only) of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) or other proof of eligibility if claiming 10-point veterans' preference. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is an equal opportunity employer. The USPS provides reasonable accommodation for any part of the application, interview, and/or selection process, please make your request to the examiner, selecting official or local manager of Human Resources. This request can also be made by someone on your behalf. Explain the nature of your limitations and the accommodation needed. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

The Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act of 2019 (Fair Chance Act) prohibits the Postal Service from inquiring into the criminal history of applicants before a conditional offer of employment has been made and sets out penalties for individual employees who violate the law. An applicant who feels their rights under this federal law have been violated has 30 days from the date of the alleged violation to file a complaint with the Postal Service at FairChanceActSupport@usps.gov. Further information can be found at www.usps.com.

SPECIAL NOTE: Current career Postal Service employees are ineligible to apply to this posting.