

USPS RETIREE

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Returning to the Workforce as a Reemployed Annuitant

If you're interested in returning to the Postal Service, you can easily apply for jobs on USPS.com. Go to the bottom portion of the webpage and select Careers. Once you find the job you are looking for, apply as instructed.

When filling out the application, you will be asked questions about retirement. It's important to respond honestly. There are limited positions that you can reemploy into without having an offset to your salary. When you are contacted about the job you applied for, please be sure to ask questions about your salary being offset.



Below are some common questions.

What is a Reemployed annuitant?

A Reemployed Annuitant — an annuitant (retiree) who has been rehired by the Postal Service under conditions that allow them to continue to receive their annuity.

What is an offset?

Generally, the law requires that the salary of the reemployed annuitant be reduced (or offset) by the amount of the annuity. Other rules and regulations pertain to payroll withholding, availability, and participation in benefits programs. In very limited circumstances, the law allows an annuitant to be reemployed without offset of their annuity.

For further information, please visit the OPM website: [I'm returning as a reemployed annuitant in Federal Government](#)



Your Frequently Asked Questions

What is the status of the new Medicare cards?- Susan

Great question, Susan! New Medicare cards are being mailed out between April 2018 and 2019. To find out when you should expect to receive your new card, check the [Medicare website](#).

- Remember that your new Medicare card will come in a plain white envelope from the Department of Health and Human Services.
- If your card didn't arrive as expected, **call 1-800-MEDICARE**. A call center representative can help check the status and correct your address if needed.
- In the meantime, use your current Medicare card to get health care services.

Do you have a question? [Submit your question](#) and we'll try to include it in an upcoming newsletter

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Your Wellness Corner

August is National Immunization Month. Many people believe that vaccines are just for children or babies. However, adults aged 65 and older are the group that is most at risk for pneumonia and other diseases that can be prevented with vaccines.

Immunizations, or vaccines, are great ways to protect you and your family from infectious diseases. Some diseases that immunizations protect against are:

- Flu
- Measles
- Mumps
- Whooping cough
- Tetanus
- Pneumonia

If you want to know more about vaccinations and when you should get them, visit the Centers for Disease Control website: www.cdc.gov/vaccinations. This website provides schedules for every vaccine for you and your family, along with how vaccines work and what side affects you may exhibit.

Most vaccinations are 100% covered by your health insurance plan at no cost to you.

Postal News

The Postal Service has issued a statement regarding a Trump administration proposal to reorganize some federal agencies. The proposal, part of a report the administration released June 21, recommends restructuring and possibly privatizing USPS.

"The consistent position of the Postal Service has been that our flawed business model is the root cause of our financial instability because it imposes significant costs on us without giving us adequate business flexibility to enable us to pay for them. It is important that potential reforms to fix our business model be developed and then considered by the President and Congress in an open and transparent manner that fully analyzes the interests of America's consumers and businesses," Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan said.

She further stated that "Ultimately, it will be for Congress to decide whether the best path to financial sustainability is to preserve the Postal Service's status as a government institution focused on our mission of public service, while giving us more authority to meet our responsibilities, or whether a profit-maximizing corporate model is preferable. We will continue to work with all parties, including the Presidential Task Force established to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Postal Service, to address these significant public policy issues."