

- 1. Log into the official LiteBlue page: https://liteblue.usps.gov/wps/myportal
- 2. Once you enter your Employee Identification number, password, and verify through your chosen method of multifactor authentication (MFA) you will land on the page above.
 - 3. To access the information for either the Voluntary Early Retirement (VER) or Optional Retirement with In-centive, click one of the methods to get to "MyHR" (see red arrows above).

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- 1. Click on "Retirement above (see red arrow).
- 2. A dropdown menu will appear.

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- 1. Depending on which type of retirement you are trying to take, click on the appropriate link.
 - If you have met the qualifications for an optional retirement—you will want the information on the "Optional Retirement with Incentive". So click on "Optional Retirement" (Red Arrow).
 - If you are an employee who would be eligible under the "Voluntary Early Retirement" (At least 50 years of age with at least 20 years of service, or at any age with at least 25 years of service. At least 5 years MUST be creditable civilian service, not military service. You may use military service to meet the balance of service required for eligibility) click "Voluntary Early Retirement" (Green Arrow).

Optional Retirement with Incentive

Below is a screenshot of the top of the webpage of what an employee who is seeking the "Optional Retirement with Incentive" will see. This page will have <u>USPS created</u> information on this type of retirement, links to join webinars, key dates for the incentive, links to "eRetire" for employees to begin the process and regis-ter for counseling, and more.



Optional Retirement with Incentive

The Postal Service is currently offering an Optional Retirement with an incentive of \$15,000 (part-time employees will receive a prorated amount).

Optional Retirement Incentive Eligibility

The following career full time, part-time flexible, and part-time regular employee populations are eligible:

- Clerk craft
- · Mail handler craft
- · Motor Vehicle Services craft
- Maintenance craft



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- · Maintenance craft
- Information Technology and Accounting Service Centers craft
- · National Postal Professional Nurses craft
- Human Resources Shared Service Center craft (HRSSC) (Greensboro)
- HQ Facility Services craft (Washington)
- · Administration and Building Support craft (Merrifield)
- National Material Customer Service Center craft (Topeka)

Participation in the Optional Retirement incentive for the National Postal Professional Nurses, Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC), HQ Facility Services, Administration and Building Support, and the National Material Customer Service Center will be capped at 10% of eligible employees. National caps for Motor Vehicle Services craft and Maintenance craft have been set at 12% of eligible employees. If more than the designated cap request retirement, the incentive will be granted based upon federal service seniority.

Non-career employees, letter carriers, rural carriers, and non-bargaining (EAS) employees are **not** included in the retirement incentive. Additionally, employees who voluntarily resign from the Postal Service are not eligible for the incentive.

Optional Retirement Seminar

Day: Every Wednesday	
Time: 9am – 11am EST	Join
Time: 6pm – 8pm EST	Join

Schedule a free retirement counseling session by:

- Visiting <u>ePetire</u>, a web-based application that allows employees to plan for and begin their retirement activities.
- Contacting the HRSSC at (877) 477-3273, option 5.

Optional Retirement Incentive Key Dates

Below is a screenshot of a lower portion of the webpage of what an employee will see who is seeking the "Optional Retirement with Incentive". This page will have <u>USPS created</u> information on this type of retirement, links to join webinars, key dates for the incentive, links to "eRetire" for employees to begin the process and register for counseling, and more. There is more on this webpage, to see the remainder of the page please login to view.

Optional Retirement Incentive Key Dates

Retirement Eligibility Mailing: January 31, 2025

 Eligible employees will be sent a hard-copy notification to their home addresses on record via First-Class Mail on or around January 31, 2025.

Optional Retirement acceptance/irrevocability deadline: March 7, 2025

 Employees who choose to take advantage of the incentive for Optional Retirement can apply by completing and submitting the required documents to the Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC). Signed documents must be received no later than no later than 8:30 p.m. ET on March 7, 2025.

Original signed documents must be mailed to the Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC):

HRSSC VER Processing PO Box 970600 Greensboro, NC 27497-0600

Retirement effective date: April 30, 2025.

 Retirement effective date for employees who accepted the Optional Retirement incentive will be April 30, 2025.



For information regarding the Voluntary Early Retirement and Incentive offer, please visit the VER Webpage.

Optional Retirement



Determining Your Eligibility

Voluntary Early Retirement

Below is a screenshot of the top of the webpage of what an employee who is seeking the "Voluntary Early Retirement (VER)" will see. This page will have <u>USPS Created</u> information on this type of retirement, links to join webinars, key dates for the incentive, links to "eRetire" for employees to begin the process and register for counseling, and more.



VER Offer

The Postal Service is currently offering **Voluntary Early Retirement** (VER) with an incentive of \$15,000 (part-time employees will receive a prorated amount) to the following **eligible career full time, part-time flexible, and part-time regular employee populations:**

- Clerk craft
- Mail handler craft
- · Motor Vehicle Services craft
- Maintenance craft
- · Information Technology and Accounting Service Centers craft



Below is a screenshot of the middle of the page of what an employee will see who is seeking the "Voluntary Early Retirement (VER)". In this view, you will find a link to a <u>USPS Created</u> "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) document (Red Arrow), more information on a VER retirement, links to join webinars, key dates for the incentive, links to "eRetire" for employees to begin the process and register for counseling, and more.

- National Postal Professional Nurses craft
- Human Resources Shared Service Center craft (HRSSC) (Greensboro)
- · HQ Facility Services craft (Washington)
- · Administration and Building Support craft (Merrifield)
- National Material Customer Service Center craft (Topeka)

Participation in the Voluntary Early Retirement incentive for the National Postal Professional Nurses, Human Resources Shared Service Center (HRSSC), HQ Facility Services, Administration and Building Support, and the National Material Customer Service Center will be capped at 10% of eligible employees. National caps for Motor Vehicle Services craft and Maintenance craft have been set at 12% of eligible employees. If more than the designated cap request retirement, the incentive will be granted based upon federal service seniority.

Non-career employees, letter carriers, rural carriers, and non-bargaining (EAS) employees are **not** included in the VER. Additionally, employees who voluntarily resign from the Postal Service are not eligible for the incentive.

Register for a <u>Voluntary Early Retirement webinar</u> for information regarding voluntary early retirement, understanding and reading your annuity estimate, and an explanation of your benefits in retirement.

Schedule a free retirement counseling session by:

- Visiting <u>eRetire</u>, a web-based application that allows employees to plan for and begin their retirement activities. When prompted, please use code 04
 to schedule your retirement counseling session.
- Contacting the HRSSC at (877) 477-3273, option 5.

Below is a screenshot of a lower portion of the webpage of what an employee will see who is seeking the "Optional Retirement with Incentive". This page will have the information on this type of retirement, a link to a <u>USPS Created</u> "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) document, links to join webinars, key dates for the incentive, links to "eRetire" for employees to begin the process and register for counseling, and more. There is more on this webpage, to see the remainder of the page please login to view.

Eligibility

If you are covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) or the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), you may be eligible for VER if you meet the following age and service requirements:

- At least 50 years of age with at least 20 years of service, or at any age with at least 25 years of service. At least 5 years MUST be creditable civilian service, not military service. You may use military service to meet the balance of service required for eligibility.
- Are an eligible career full time, part-time flexible, and part-time regular employee in one of the below positions:
 - Clerk craft
 - Mail handler craft
 - Motor Vehicle Services craft
 - Maintenance craft
 - Information Technology and Accounting Service Centers craft
 - National Postal Professional Nurses craft
 - · Human Resources Shared Service Center craft (HRSSC) (Greensboro)
 - · HQ Facility Services craft (Washington)
 - Administration and Building Support craft (Merrifield)
 - National Material Customer Service Center craft (Topeka)

For more information on FERS age and service requirements, consult the Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

For more information on CSRS age and service requirements, consult OPM CSRS and CSRS Offset.



For information regarding the Optional Retirement Incentive please visit the Optional Retirement Webpage.

