

EAS PAY RULES
FY 2017 PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE (PFP)
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A. Performance Pay Program

Eligible EAS employees are measured under a 15-point performance evaluation system with number ratings. Different pay increases are established at each of the 15-point ratings. Below are the pay increases associated with the fifteen (15) performance ratings.

(3) 0.0%	(6) 3.0%	(9) 5.0%	(12) 7.0%	(15) 9.0%
(2) 0.0%	(5) 2.5%	(8) 4.5%	(11) 6.5%	(14) 8.5%
(1) 0.0%	(4) 2.0%	(7) 4.0%	(10) 6.0%	(13) 8.0%

Note: All percentages are paid as salary increases if room within the salary structure. If amount limited by the salary structure, balance of amount will be converted to a lump sum payment.

All PFP pay actions will be calculated automatically based on salary information available from the corporate payroll system and performance ratings provided under the web-based Performance Evaluation System. Deadlines will be published at the end of the fiscal year for completing the web-based Performance Evaluation System.

B. Eligibility

1. Career non-bargaining unit employees who are in an EAS position or PTR postmaster position on the last pay day of the fiscal year (September 30, 2017) are covered by the FY 2017 EAS Pay-for-Performance (PFP) program.
2. Employees who were on the rolls in good standing as of September 30, 2017 and separated before the effective date of the payment (January 6, 2018) will receive the entire PFP payment in the form of a lump sum payment. Separated employees in good standing include retirements, voluntary separations, estates of deceased employees, and other separation NOAs **except** those listed below. Separated employees rated 1, 2 or 3 or "Not Rated" or with separation NOA codes 310, 328, 329, or 346, will not be eligible for any PFP payment.

Separation NOA Codes Resulting in No PFP Payment	
310	Resignation - Charges Pending
328	Termination During Probation (Pre-appointment Condition)
329	Termination During Probation
346	Removal

Eligible employees who have separated before the effective date of the payment (January 6, 2018) will have their PFP check sent to their employing office.

3. Certain EAS employees are not eligible for participation in the PFP program and will be bypassed by PFP processing programs:
 - Bargaining-Unit Employees
 - Casual and Non-Career Employees
 - Office of Inspector General.
 - Postal Regulatory Commission.

- Judicial Office employees. However, Judicial Office employees not covered by specific federal salary statutes will be eligible for PFP.
 - Postal inspectors.
 - Contract employees (e.g., contract doctors)
 - Employees of certain structured development programs (like trainees and career ladder positions) will be ineligible for the Pay-For-Performance program. A complete list of these positions is available in the PFP Evaluation Rules.
4. Eligibility is based on the employee's "position of record" as of September 30, 2017. An employee detailed to a higher level eligible EAS position from a lower level eligible EAS position will only receive the PFP payment based on the lower level position. An employee detailed to an eligible EAS position from an ineligible position is not eligible, even if that person had a Form 50 processed.
 5. Bargaining unit employees detailed to a non-bargaining unit position (e.g., 204b) are not eligible for the PFP payment.

C. Calculations and Effective Date

1. EAS PFP payments will be calculated on the employee's basic salary as of September 30, 2017 applied within the parameters of the salary schedules in effect on the effective date of the payment on January 6, 2018 (PP 02-18). On January 6, 2018, the range maximum will be updated before the pay actions are calculated in order to provide greater room within the range for performance-based salary increases. Eligible employees who have salaries below the minimum effective January 6, 2018 will be brought to the new minimum first, and then have their PFP payment added to the new minimum to arrive at their new salary effective January 6, 2018.
2. FY 2017 EAS PFP payments are effective January 6, 2018 (PP 02-18) and will appear in the employee's regular check on January 26, 2018. Eligible employees who have separated before the effective date of the payment (January 6, 2018) will have their PFP check sent to their employing office.
3. Full-time employees will have the PFP payment paid in the form of base salary increases if there is room within the salary grade range to provide a salary increase. Any PFP payments that would put an employee's salary over the salary maximum will be converted to a lump sum payment.
4. Part-time employees (primarily PTR postmasters) will have the PFP percentage applied to their hourly rate of pay if there is room within the grade range to provide a base rate increase. Any PFP percentage amount that would put an employee's base rate above the maximum will be converted to a lump sum payment. Lump sum payments for hourly rated employees are calculated by multiplying the September 30, 2017 hourly rate times the balance of the PFP percentage payment not already applied to the base rate times the part-time employees' limited tour hours.
5. Employees who have had a change in EAS grades during the period after September 30, 2017 and before the effective date of payment (January 6, 2018) will not have a change in the calculation of their PFP award, EXCEPT if the new grade maximum is not large enough to accommodate the new salary. In that case, the salary increase will be reduced to fit within the employee's new grade maximum, and the lump sum will be increased by the same amount.
6. Employees who have been reassigned during the period after September 30, 2017 and before the effective date of payment (January 6, 2018) from an eligible PFP position to a non-eligible position (e.g., structured development or bargaining unit position) will have the full PFP award paid as a lump sum.
7. Employees who have converted from full-time status to part-time status or vice versa during the fiscal year, or before the effective date of the payment (January 6, 2018), will have the PFP payment calculated on their status as of September 30, 2017. If the change in full-time or part-time status is accompanied with a change in grade level, rule #C5 above also applies.

8. EAS employees promoted into PCES executive positions on or before September 30, 2017 will be administered under the PCES pay program. EAS employees promoted into PCES executive positions during the period after September 30, 2017 and before the effective date of payment (January 6, 2018) will receive the entire EAS PFP payment in the form of a lump sum payment.
9. PFP payments for employees with a "saved-grade" designation will be calculated on the saved grade, not the grade of the position to which assigned.
10. PFP payments for employees with all other rate retention policies (not saved-grade) are eligible for a lump sum payment based on the employee's salary.
11. Employees newly eligible to EAS during FY 2017 (e.g., spent time in a bargaining unit position) who have received a numeric rating, will have the corresponding PFP payment prorated to include only the number of days in the eligible EAS status. The evaluator should not reduce a newly eligible employee's rating for working a partial year; the system will automatically prorate the partial year based on the number of days worked in the EAS position.
12. New hires into EAS positions during FY 2017 who have received a numeric rating, will have the corresponding PFP payment prorated to include only the number of days with the Postal Service. The evaluator should not reduce a new hire's rating for working a partial year, the system will automatically prorate the partial year based on the number of days worked.
13. Full-time EAS employees who were in a Leave Without Pay (LWOP) status for any reason up to 80 hours during FY 2017 pay periods will receive a full PFP payment. Employees in a LWOP status for more than 80 hours during FY 2017 pay periods, except those on military and medical LWOP as shown in the table below, will receive a pro rata reduction of the award based on the number of non-military and non-medical LWOP hours in excess of 80 hours during FY 2017 pay periods. Except for those on military and medical LWOP, employees on LWOP for the entire fiscal year are not eligible for a PFP payment. Part-time EAS employees will have a smaller LWOP threshold level than 80 hours based on the ratio of their scheduled part-time annual hours to 2080.

Leave Without Pay (LWOP) Pro Rata Provisions for Full-Time* EAS Employees					
Type of Leave Without Pay	ELM Reference	Time Clock Codes	Less than 80 LWOP Hours	80 to 2079 LWOP Hours	2080 LWOP Hours
Military LWOP	514.4 (g&h)	04400	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment
OWCP LWOP	514.4 (e)	04999	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment
FMLA LWOP	514.4 (f)	05999 & 06099	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment
Personal Illness & Injury LWOP	514.4 (d)	05901, 06001, 05905 & 06005	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment	Full PFP payment
Other LWOP	514.4 (a-c & i-k)	Various	Full PFP payment	Pro rata reduction	No PFP payment

* Part-time EAS employees will have smaller LWOP threshold levels based on the ratio of scheduled part-time annual hours to 2080.