

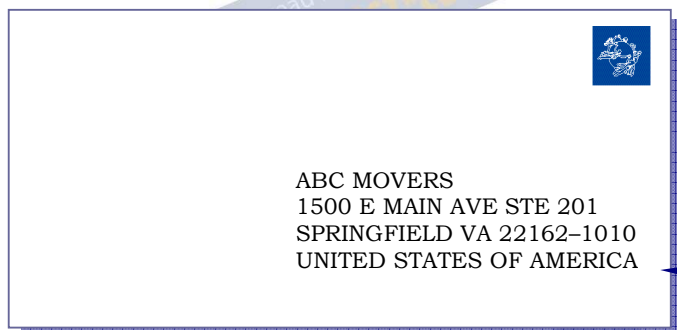
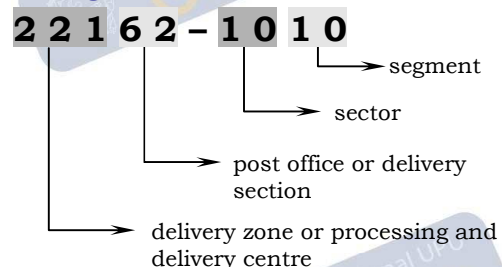
# United States of America

## Postcode

## Postcode type and position

9 digits to right of State, a hyphen between 5th and 6th digits, 2 spaces between State and postcode

## Coding method



## Address format

An address is regarded as complete when it contains all the elements needed for unique identification in the Universal POST\*CODE® Database files.

An address is regarded as standardized when it is fully spelled out, abbreviated using the standard abbreviations published by the USPS in its booklet "Postal Addressing Standards" or written as in the Universal POST\*CODE® Database files.

The address is made up of the following lines:

[Additional recipient information] *optional line*  
Addressee identification  
Street number and name OR PO Box OR rural route OR highway OR poste restante  
Locality State abbreviation postcode  
Country

The line containing the street number and name may contain further geographical identifiers, such as the apartment, suite, floor, etc. This information is placed at the end of the line, and the standardized abbreviations must be used.

## Military mail

Military mail is classed as United States domestic mail, and must therefore be posted in the United States or in a US Army post office. The name of the destination town and country should not appear in the address; the army post office codes must be used instead:

APO AE 09001-5275	AE is used for armed forces stationed in Europe, in the Middle East, in Africa and in Canada.
FPO AP 96606-2783	AP is used for armed forces stationed in the Pacific region.
APO AA 34035-4198	AA is used for armed forces stationed in the Americas (other than in Canada).

## Puerto Rico addresses

Addresses in Puerto Rico come in various formats, and it is not possible to list them all here. Addresses may include information on the apartment (abbreviation *APT* for *apartamento*), the condominium (abbreviation *COND* for *condominium*), the district (abbreviation *URB* for *urbanización*) and the street (*CALLE*). A few possible formats are included with the following examples.

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### Examples

Home delivery:  
 MR JOHN DOE  
 123 MAGNOLIA ST  
 HEMPSTEAD NY 11550-1234  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Delivery to PO Box:  
 MISS JANICE SMITH  
 PO Box 34  
 DULUTH MN 55803-0034  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Highway:  
 B G LIGHT CO  
 HC 72 BOX 293A  
 DULUTH MN 55811-9702  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Poste restante:  
 MR. JIM DOE  
 GENERAL DELIVERY  
 DULUTH MN 55811-9999  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Puerto Rico:  
 MR. JOHN DOE  
 1234 AVE ASHFORD APT 1A  
 SAN JUAN PR 00907-1021  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Additional recipient information:  
 JOHN DOE  
 ABC COMPANY  
 1401 MAIN ST  
 FALLS CHURCH VA 22042-1441  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rural route:  
 H E BROWN  
 RR 3 BOX 9  
 CANTON OH 44730-9521  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Military:  
 SSGT KEVIN BEASLEY  
 UNIT 2050 BOX 4190  
 APO AP 96522-1215  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Puerto Rico:  
 MRS. JANE DOE  
 URB LAS GLADIOLAS  
 150 CALLE A  
 SAN JUAN PR 00926-0221  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Puerto Rico:  
 MR. RALPH DOE  
 COND LAS AMAPOLAS  
 1230 CALLE AMAPOLAS APT 103  
 CAROLINA PR 00979-1126  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### Symbols used for States

AL	Alabama	KS	Kansas	OH	Ohio
AK	Alaska	KY	Kentucky	OK	Oklahoma
AS	American Samoa	LA	Louisiana	OR	Oregon
AZ	Arizona	ME	Maine	PW	Palau
AR	Arkansas	MH	Marshall Islands	PA	Pennsylvania
CA	California	MD	Maryland	PR	Puerto Rico
CO	Colorado	MA	Massachusetts	RI	Rhode Island
CT	Connecticut	MI	Michigan	SC	South Carolina
DE	Delaware	MN	Minnesota	SD	South Dakota
DC	District of Columbia	MS	Mississippi	MT	Montana
FM	Federated States of Micronesia	MO	Missouri	TN	Tennessee
FL	Florida	NE	Nebraska	TX	Texas
GA	Georgia	NV	Nevada	UT	Utah
GU	Guam	NH	New Hampshire	VT	Vermont
HI	Hawaii	NJ	New Jersey	VI	Virgin Islands
ID	Idaho	NM	New Mexico	VA	Virginia
IL	Illinois	NY	New York	WA	Washington
IN	Indiana	NC	North Carolina	WV	West Virginia
IA	Iowa	ND	North Dakota	WI	Wisconsin
		MP	Northern Mariana Islands	WY	Wyoming

## United States of America (cont.)

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**Contact**

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International Postal Affairs  
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WASHINGTON DC 20260-6500  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Fax: (+1 202) 268 4871

**Information**

Publication 28, "Postal Addressing Standards" can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.usps.com/ncsc/addressmgmtpubs/addressmgmtpubsmenu.htm>

**Website**

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