

**§ 17.643 Application for the PREL.**

(a) *General.* A complete application for the PREL consists of a completed application form, letters of reference, and personal statement.

(b) *References.* The applicant must provide the following letters of reference and sign a release of information form for VA to contact such references. The letters of reference should include the following:

(1) One letter of reference from the Program Director of the core psychiatry program in which the applicant trained or is training, or the Program Director of any psychiatry subspecialty program in which the applicant is training, which indicates that the applicant is in good to excellent standing;

(2) One or more letters of reference from faculty members under which the applicant trained;

(3) One letter of reference from a peer colleague who is familiar with the psychiatry practice and character of the applicant.

(c) *Personal statement.* The personal statement must include the following documentation:

(1) A cover letter that provides the following information:

(i) Why the applicant is interested in VA employment;

(ii) The applicant's interest in working at a particular VA medical facility;

(iii) Likely career goals, including career goals in VA; and

(iv) A brief summary of past employment or training and accomplishments, including any particular clinical areas of interest (e.g., substance abuse).

(2) The following information must be provided on a VA form or online collection system and is subject to VA verification:

(i) Attestation that the applicant is not participating in any other loan repayment program.

(ii) A summary of the applicant's educational debt, which includes the total debt amount and when the debt was acquired. The health professional debt covered the loan must be specific to education that was required, used, and qualified the applicant for appointment as a psychiatrist.

(iii) The name of the lending agency that provided the educational loan.

(3) A full curriculum vitae.

**§ 17.644 Selection of participants.**

(a) *Selection criteria.* In evaluating and selecting participants, VA will consider the following factors:

(1) The applicant meets all of the eligibility criteria in § 17.642 and has submitted a complete application under § 17.643;

(2) The strength of the applicant's letters of reference;

(3) The applicant is in good to excellent standing in the residency program, as determined from the Program Director letter of reference;

(4) The applicant demonstrates a strong commitment to VA's mission and core values;

(5) The applicant has personal career goals that match VA needs (i.e., to work with patients suffering from traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, or post-traumatic stress disorder);

(6) The applicant expresses a desire to work at a location that matches with VA needs; and

(7) The applicant does not have any identifiable circumstances relating to education, training, licensure, certification and review of health status, previous experience, clinical privileges, professional references, malpractice history and adverse actions, or criminal violations that would adversely affect the applicant's credentialing process.

(b) *Selection.* VA will select not less than 10 individuals who meet the requirements of this section to participate in the program for the repayment of educational loans for each year in which VA carries out the program.

(c) *Notification of selection.* VA will notify applicants that they have been selected in writing. An individual becomes a participant in the PREL once the participant submits and VA signs the acceptance of conditions.

**§ 17.645 Award procedures.**

(a) *Repayment amount.* (1) VA may pay not more than \$30,000 in educational loan repayment for each year of obligated service.

(2) An educational loan repayment may not exceed the actual amount of principal and interest on an educational loan or loans.

(b) *Payment.* VA will pay the participant, or the lending institution on behalf of the participant, directly for the principal and interest on the participant's educational loans. Payments will be made monthly or annually for each applicable service period, depending on the terms of the acceptance of conditions. Participants must provide VA documentation that shows the amounts that were credited or posted by the lending institution to a participant's educational loan during an obligated service period. VA will issue payments after the participant commences the period of obligated service. Payments are exempt from Federal taxation.

**§ 17.646 Obligated service.**

(a) *General provision.* A participant's obligated service will begin on the date on which the participant begins full-time, permanent employment with VA in the field of psychiatric medicine in a location determined by VA. Obligated service must be full-time, permanent employment and does not include any period of temporary or contractual employment.

(b) *Duration of service.* The participant will agree in the acceptance of conditions to serve for an obligated service period of 2 or more calendar years.

(c) *Location and position of obligated service.* VA reserves the right to make final decisions on the location and position of the obligated service.

**§ 17.647 Failure to comply with terms and conditions of participation.**

(a) *Participant fails to satisfy obligated service.* A participant of the PREL who fails to satisfy the period of obligated service will be liable to the United States, in lieu of such obligated service, for the full amount of benefit they expected to receive in the agreement, pro-rated for completed service days.

(b) *Repayment period.* The participant will pay the amount of damages that the United States is entitled to recover under this section in full to the United States no later than 1 year after the date of the breach of the agreement.

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**POSTAL SERVICE****39 CFR Part 20****International Mail Manual; Incorporation by Reference**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service announces the issuance of the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM®)* dated July 11, 2016, and its incorporation by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on September 29, 2016. The incorporation by reference of the IMM is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 29, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lizbeth Dobbins, (202) 268-3789.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The *International Mail Manual* was issued on July 11, 2016, and was updated with

*Postal Bulletin* revisions through June 23, 2016. It replaced all previous editions. The IMM continues to enable the Postal Service to fulfill its long-standing mission of providing affordable, universal mail service. It continues to: (1) Increase the user's ability to find information; (2) increase the user's confidence that they have found the information they need; and (3) reduce the need to consult multiple sources to locate necessary information. The provisions throughout this issue support the standards and mail preparation changes implemented since the version of January 25, 2015. The *International Mail Manual* is available to the public on the Postal Explorer® Internet site at <http://pe.usps.com>.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20**

Foreign relations; Incorporation by reference.

In view of the considerations discussed above, the Postal Service hereby amends 39 CFR part 20 as follows:

**PART 20—INTERNATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE**

- 1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

- 2. Amend § 20.1 by revising paragraph (a), revising the introductory text of the table in paragraph (b), and adding a new entry at the end of the table, to read as follows:

**§ 20.1 International Mail Manual; incorporation by reference.**

(a) Section 552(a) of title 5, U.S.C., relating to the public information requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, provides in pertinent part that matter reasonably available to the class of persons affected thereby is deemed published in the **Federal Register** when incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register. In conformity with that provision and 39 U.S.C. 410(b)(1), and as provided in this part,

the Postal Service hereby incorporates by reference its *International Mail Manual* (IMM), issued July 11, 2016. The Director of the **Federal Register** approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(b) The current Issue of the IMM is incorporated by reference in paragraph (a) of this section. Successive Issues of the IMM are listed in Table 1:

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)

International Mail Manual	Date of issuance
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IMM .....	July 11, 2016.

- 3. Revise § 20.2 to read as follows:

**§ 20.2 Effective date of the International Mail Manual.**

The provisions of the *International Mail Manual* issued July 11, 2016, are applicable with respect to the international mail services of the Postal Service.

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**39 CFR Part 111**

**Domestic Mail Manual; Incorporation by Reference**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service announces the issuance of the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM®) dated July 11, 2016, and its incorporation by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

**DATES:** This final rule is effective on September 29, 2016. The incorporation by reference of the DMM dated July 11, 2016, is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 29, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The most recent issue of the *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM) is dated July 11, 2016. This issue of the DMM contains all Postal Service domestic mailing standards, and continues to: (1) Increase the user's ability to find information; (2) increase confidence that users have found all the information they need; and (3) reduce the need to consult multiple chapters of the Manual to locate necessary information. The issue dated July 11, 2016, sets forth specific changes, including new standards throughout the DMM to support the standards and mail preparation changes implemented since the version issued on January 25, 2015.

Changes to mailing standards will continue to be published through **Federal Register** notices and the *Postal Bulletin*, and will appear in the next online version available via the Postal Explorer® Web site at: <http://pe.usps.com>.

**List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111**

Administrative practice and procedure, Incorporation by reference.

In view of the considerations discussed above, the Postal Service hereby amends 39 CFR part 111 as follows:

**PART 111—GENERAL INFORMATION ON POSTAL SERVICE**

- 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301–307; 18 U.S.C. 1692–1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 414, 416, 3001–3011, 3201–3219, 3403–3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

- 2. In § 111.3 amend paragraph (f) by revising the last entry in the table and adding a new entry at the end of the table to read as follows:

**§ 111.3 Amendment to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual.**

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DMM 300 .....	January 25, 2015 .....	80 FR 13492 [INSERT FR CITATION FOR THIS RULE].
DMM 300 .....	July 11, 2016.	