

# Metered Mail Is NOT Acceptable

The Post Office round date stamp and machine cancellation marks are required to determine proof of timely mailing.



## UNACCEPTABLE

These images are representations of metered mail labels which are pre-paid postages purchased through online vendors. Notice that the date of sale does not indicate the date mailed.



## ACCEPTABLE

These images are representations of postal markings (aka date stamps) made on a letter or package. They indicate the date an item was accepted at a postal service facility and mailed.

The format and sequence of a date stamp will include the month (MM), day (DD), and year (YY or YYYY).