

## SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE TRACKS

There are four special knowledge tracks that make applicants more competitive for the position of Postal Inspector: language skills, postal experience, specialized non-postal skills, and academic achievement.

### Language

Applicants who seek eligibility under language skills must have advanced competency in a foreign language deemed by the Postal Inspection Service as necessary to meeting its investigative mission. These languages currently include **Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese**. Applicants must successfully complete a formal oral proficiency test administered through the Postal Inspection Service.

### Postal Experience

Applicants seeking consideration under the specialized postal experience track must have been a Postal Service employee, contractor, or intern with one (1) year experience within the last five years.

### Specialized Non-Postal Experience

Applicants seeking consideration under the specialized non-postal experience track must have experience in an area of expertise considered critical to the needs of the Postal Inspection Service. Applicants must also have one year of full-time work experience with the same company or firm within two years of the date of their application. Critical areas of expertise are:

- **Military Experience:** Applicants must have served at least two years in the military and received an honorable discharge.
- **Law Degree:** Applicants must have a Juris Doctorate degree and one year of full-time work experience in the law field.
- **Certifications in Auditing or Investigations:** Applicants with certifications in auditing, such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA); or investigative certifications in protection, security, or fraud examination, such as Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), are eligible under this skill track. Applicants must provide proof of certification and one year of full-time work experience in this field.
- **Specialized Computer Education:** Applicants with a four-year degree in computer science, computer engineering, telecommunications, management information systems, electronic commerce, decision and information science, or computer information systems and one year of full-time work experience in this field are eligible under this skill track.

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### Specialized Non-Postal Experience Continued

- **Specialized Computer Expertise:** Applicants who are currently employed and have been employed for at least one year in a position specializing in computer forensics, Internet investigations, Internet security, network security, or information systems security and one year of full-time work experience in this field are eligible under this skill track.
- **Certifications in Computer Systems:** Applicants with a certification in one or more of the following: Microsoft Fundamentals or Role-Based Certifications, Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP), SANS Certifications: GCIA, GCFE, GCFA, GNFA, Security+, Network+, A+ Certified Computer Technician, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Linux certification, or AWS/Azure or Google Cloud Certifications and one year of full-time work experience in this field are eligible under this skill track.

Certifications not listed will be assessed for eligibility under this track.

- **Law Enforcement:** Applicants with at least one full year of law enforcement experience as detectives, criminalists, and polygraph examiners or as patrol, probation, correction, and parole officers are eligible under this skill track, but must provide examples of the type of work conducted. (This track excludes clerical or technical support personnel.)

### Academic Achievement

**Academic Achievement with work experience.** Applicants with at least one year of full-time work experience with the same company or firm, within two years of the date of their application, are eligible under this skill track.

- Applicants with a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S. in any field) must have two years of full-time work experience.
- Applicants with an advanced degree (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D. in any field) must have one year of full-time work experience.

**Academic Achievement without work experience.** Applicants with a bachelor's degree (a B.A. or B.S. in any field) and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent, or an advanced degree (J.D., M.A., M.S., or Ph.D. in any field) are eligible under this skill track.