

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: **Arabic, Bengali, French, German, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi/Lahnda, 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 U. S. Postal Inspection Service or Postal Service employee for greater than one (1) year within the past five (5) years **OR** a U.S. Postal Inspection Service contractor, intern, or Task Force Officer (TFO) within the past five (5) 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 **or** two years of full-time work experience, as indicated, with the same company or firm **within** two years of the date of their application. Critical areas of expertise are:

- **Military Experience:** Applicants who have served two (2) years or more in the military with an honorable discharge; Active Military with Statement of Service **OR** five (5) point, ten (10) point Veteran Preference Eligible (VPE). Documentation required.
- **Law Enforcement:** Applicants with one (1) full year of law enforcement experience (excludes clerical or technical support). Must provide examples of the type of work conducted.
- **Certifications in Auditing or Investigations:** Applicants with a certification in auditing/investigations, for one of the following, **with** one (1) year full-time work in the field: Certified Public Accountant (CPA); Certified Management Accountant (CMA); Certified Internal Auditor (CIA); and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA); Certified Protection Professional (CPP); Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) or Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS). Applicants must provide proof of certifications.
- **Specialized Computer Education:** Applicants with a four-year degree, in one of the following, **with** one (1) year of full-time work experience in the field: Computer Science; Computer Engineering; Telecommunications; Management Information Systems; Electronic Commerce; Decision and Information Science or Computer Information Systems.

Specialized Non-Postal Experience Continued

- **Specialized Computer Expertise:** Applicants who are currently employed, specializing in one of the following fields, **with** one (1) year of full-time work experience: Computer Forensics; Internet Investigations; Internet Security; Network Security or Information Systems Security.
- **Certifications in Computer Systems:** Applicants with a certification in of the following **and** one (1) year full-time work experience in the field: 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.

Academic Achievement

- Bachelor's Degree (B.A. or B.S.) **with** two (2) years full-time work experience in the field.
- Advanced Degree (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D.) **with** one (1) year full-time work experience in the field.
- Advanced Degree (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D.) **with** cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and no work experience.
- Law Degree (JD) **with** one (1) year full time work.