# Certified Mail with Electronic Return Receipt

Apply the label specifically for Certified Mail with Electronic Return Receipt (ERR), available from CMS. Please do not use these for Certified Mail when using PS Return Receipt form 3811.

Leave 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches in upper right hand corner for metering when applying these labels.

Detach and keep the tracking number for your records.

Indicate ERR in by checking the box under USPS Accountable Mail as shown.

A tracking history and signature confirmation is available upon request from the USPS at <u>www.usps.com</u>. Enter the tracking number in the "Track a Package" field. For signatures past 60 days, please contact CMS.

Please note: Once delivered, signatures are available immediately. However, the delivery process may take a few weeks depending on the availability of a signer.

Questions? Please contact CMS Customer Service at 360-586-0457.





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## What is a Return Receipt?

Return Receipt is a service that provides the sender with proof of delivery (information about the recipient's signature and actual delivery address).

## What is Electronic Return Receipt (ERR)?

ERR is an electronic alternative to the existing Return Receipt (green card – PS form 3811).

- Used with Certified Mail<sup>™</sup>, Registered Mail<sup>™</sup>, COD or Insured Mail items valued over \$200
- (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery) along with information about the recipient's actual delivery information
- ERR is an official United States Postal Service® document designed to be equivalent to the hardcopy Return Receipt that has been in use for many years. However, its legal status is not determined by the Postal Service<sup>™</sup>. That decision is made by the individual courts.

## How much does a Return Receipt cost?

Return Receipt with green card (PS form 3811)	\$3.05
Electronic Return Receipt (ERR)	<u>\$1.85</u>
Savings by using E-RR	\$1.20

#### How do I obtain the ERR?

You do not need to wait to request an ERR. You can make your request immediately after submission. However, it is unlikely that delivery will have been accomplished. In these instances, we must wait for delivery to take place and for the signature record to be fully completed before we can email it to you.

To get a copy of the delivery record:

- Go to the <u>USPS website</u>
- Enter the Certified Mail, COD, Insured Mail (over \$200) or Registered Mail number.
- Input your email when presented with the ERR option.
- The signature will arrive as an email attachment (rather than on the green postcard otherwise used).

#### Does E-RR meet my mailing requirements?

In April of 2009, the legislature passed House Bill 1426 allowing the use of ERR when a Return Receipt is authorized or required. To see House Bill 1426 in its entirety, go to <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/Summary.aspx?bill=1426&year=2009">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/Summary.aspx?bill=1426&year=2009</a>.