§ 3010.21 Calculation of annual limitation when notices of rate adjustment are 12 or more months apart.

(a) The monthly CPI-U values needed for the calculation of the full year limitation under this section shall be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers, U.S. All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Base Period 1982–84 = 100. The current Series ID for the index is “CUUR0000SA0.”

(b) If a notice of a Type 1–A or Type 1–B rate adjustment is filed 12 or more months after the last Type 1–A or Type 1–B notice of rate adjustment applicable to a class, then the calculation of an annual limitation for the class (referred to as the full year limitation) involves three steps. First, a simple average CPI-U index is calculated by summing the 12 monthly CPI-U values immediately preceding the Recent Average and dividing the sum by 12 (Recent Average). Then, a second simple average CPI-U index is similarly calculated by summing the most recently available 12 monthly CPI-U values from the date the Postal Service files its notice of rate adjustment and dividing the sum by 12 (Recent Average). Finally, the full year limitation is calculated by dividing the Recent Average by the Base Average and subtracting 1 from the quotient. The result is expressed as a percentage, rounded to three decimal places.

§ 3010.22 Calculation of annual limitation when notices of rate adjustment are less than 12 months apart.

(a) The monthly CPI-U values needed for the calculation of the partial year limitation of this section shall be obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index—All Urban Consumers, U.S. All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted, Base Period 1982–84 = 100. The current Series ID for the index is “CUUR0000SA0.”

(b) If a notice of a Type 1–A or Type 1–B rate adjustment is filed less than 12 months after the last Type 1–A or Type 1–B notice of rate adjustment applicable to a class, then the partial year limitation is calculated in two steps. First, a simple average CPI-U index is calculated by summing the 12 most recently available monthly CPI-U values from the date the Postal Service files its notice of rate adjustment and dividing the sum by 12 (Recent Average). The partial year limitation is then calculated by dividing the Recent Average by the Base Average and subtracting 1 from the quotient. The result is expressed as a percentage, rounded to three decimal places.