

Sweeping Revisions Call for Immediate Purging of Postal Titles

Immediate purging is essential. Patrons using the obsolete guides now in your collection are doomed to sure failure.

The U.S. Postal Service revised its entire hiring and testing program in mid 2009. They changed literally everything including the application system and all the exams. These sweeping revisions rendered virtually all existent Postal books obsolete. And many Postal titles published since then are just as bad; they refer to exams and processes that simply no longer exist.

Shortly after these revisions were completed, I published my new updated title described at the bottom of this page, and I began a campaign to enlighten libraries of these massive changes. At a recent presentation to a large library system, I was asked to create and broadcast the below checklist for purging obsolete titles. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Obsolete Postal Job & Exam Guide Checklist

1. Any guide published prior to 2009 necessarily has obsolete information on processes and/or exams that no longer exist. This single factor will purge most, if not all, Postal titles from your collection.
2. Guides with more current dates must be checked against the following exam criteria to determine if they should be purged.
 - A guide has obsolete content if it refers to exams 460, 470, 473C, 931, 932, and/or 933. These exams no longer exist.
 - A guide has obsolete content if it does not include new exam 473E. This new mega test replaced old exams 460, 470, 473, and 473C. Used to fill over 90% of all Postal jobs, new test 473E is the most important and most popular exam.
 - A guide has obsolete content if it refers only to exam 473 without any mention of new test 473E. A guide that refers to both exams 473 and 473E may be okay because the old term 473 is still often used when discussing the new exam.

New Updated Title: *How to Really Get Postal Jobs*

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My new title and the extent of all these revisions are best described in the below review by a recently retired Postal executive. I cannot emphasize strongly enough the need to purge obsolete books from your collection and add my updated title. Desperate job seekers don't need outdated information; they need up-to-date and effective tools that will lead to success.

T. W. Parnell

"How to Really Get Postal Jobs is the one all-encompassing and 100% up-to-date career guide that every Postal job seeker must have.

Having recently retired as a U.S. Postal Service Manager of Employment and Training, I was responsible for hiring and testing. I was also responsible for rolling out the new eCareer application system in my district, and I am aware of the difficulties experienced when attempting to navigate this system. I can speak firsthand about the challenges faced by applicants and about the incredible advantages to be found in this book by bestselling author T. W. Parnell.

In preparation for this review, I researched Postal books in general and T. W. Parnell in particular. I discovered that Mr. Parnell is widely recognized as the foremost authority on Postal employment. An astonishing number of reviews are posted for him online, far more than for any other Postal author, and virtually all of them carry a five star rating. If you are serious about a Postal job, this is obviously the man who can successfully guide you through the process.

Why is this book so essential? The Postal Service just revamped its entire hiring and testing program. This is the only book I found to be truly 100% up-to-date with the new eCareer system. Since the application system and the exams were all revised, it is more important now than ever before to have a fully up-to-date guidebook.

The insightful step-by-step instructions for the complicated new application system are one of the greatest features. The chapter on interviews offers extraordinary advantages. (His explicit interview tips prove, by the way, that Mr. Parnell does indeed have access to inside information.) To assist in choosing the most advantageous career route, he included comprehensive job descriptions, wages, benefits, and employment requirements for all entry-level positions. And the exam section is outstanding. The encyclopedic information and remarkably realistic sample questions for all the new tests assure there will be no surprises when taking an exam. He even created an online resource associated with his book to ensure that readers are always abreast of any new developments.

This book provides exceptionally detailed and 100% up-to-date guidance for every step of the Postal employment process. It is presented in a simple and easy to understand fashion with an occasional dose of down-home humor to keep it lively. Bottom line: If you really want a Postal job, you really need this book!"

– G. J. Jurewicz