Metered Mail Is NOT Acceptable

The Post Office round date stamp and machine cancellation marks are required to determine proof of timely mailing.

UNACCEPTABLE

These images are representations of metered mail labels which are pre-paid postages purchased through online vendors. Notice that the date of sale does not indicate the date mailed.

ACCEPTABLE

These images are representations of postal markings (aka date stamps) made on a letter or package. They indicate the date an item was accepted at a postal service facility and mailed.

The format and sequence of a date stamp will include the month (MM), day (DD), and year (YY or YYYY).