



# PAF News 2025.21

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# 1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2025.21. This document contains statistics and information relating to this release of the PAF. For more detailed information about the PAF, please visit the Australia Post website:

<https://auspost.com.au/business-solutions/data-marketing-services/improve-your-data/address-data>

## 1.1 About the PAF

The Postal Address File (PAF) is one of the most comprehensive address reference files in Australia. It contains addresses Australia Post recognises through its letter and parcel delivery networks. The PAF is the source of the Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) a unique number assigned to each address. The DPID provides a valuable link to join different datasets.

The PAF contains physical addresses such as houses and units, multi storey buildings including levels and suites as well as postal addresses such as Post Office Boxes and Locked Bags. For more information please refer to the Data Guide.

<https://auspost.com.au/business-solutions/data-marketing-services/supporting-our-data-partners/address-data>

## 1.2 Generic table of PAF Issue and Expiry dates

All information about the PAF (including the following table) is available via the Australia Post website:

<https://auspost.com.au/business-solutions/data-marketing-services/supporting-our-data-partners/resources-and-key-dates>

Lodging mail through the PreSort Letters Service requires that only DPIDs that are valid against the current PAF be used in mail barcodes. The table below shows the appropriate PAF version to use:

PAF Version	PAF Issue	PAF Expiry
YYYY.1	15 November	31 March
YYYY.11	1 December	30 April
YYYY.12	1 January	31 May
YYYY.2	28 February	30 June
YYYY.21	31 March	31 July
YYYY.22	30 April	31 August
YYYY.3	31 May	30 September
YYYY.31	30 June	31 October
YYYY.32	31 July	30 November
YYYY.4	31 August	31 December
YYYY.41	30 September	31 January

**PAF Version:** Means the year of release and the release number

**PAF Issue:** Date the version is made available from supplier

**PAF Expiry:** The final date the PAF version maybe used for appending DPIDs.

### 1.3 Sample new addresses to PAF

The following addresses are new records added to the latest PAF. They may be used by customers to verify that the latest PAF has loaded successfully with their AMAS software.

New PAF Address
26-28 SMITHFIELD RD SMITHFIELD NSW 2164
14-16 PONDA ROSA RD WESTDALE NSW 2340
SHOP 1B/32-40 WILLIAM ST BEAUDESERT QLD 4285
U 1C/42-50 BUCKLEY GR MOOLAP VIC 3224
102-112 SKY RD MELBOURNE AIRPORT VIC 3045

## 2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,569,161	15,587,291	15,609,127	15,624,147	15,020
• Street DPIDs	13,546,242	13,564,378	13,587,850	13,604,182	16,332
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,022,919	2,022,913	2,021,277	2,019,965	-1,312
Postcode	2,933	2,933	2,932	2,932	0
Locality	16,426	16,423	16,420	16,419	-1
Synonym	5,829	5,830	5,565	5,519	-46
Bordering Locality	84,799	84,799	84,833	84,833	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	512,117	512,616	513,149	513,532	383
Street Alternate	3,452	3,466	3,473	3,482	9
Code	641	641	642	641	-1

Postcode by State	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	718	718	718	718	0
NT	52	52	52	52	0
QLD	447	447	447	447	0
SA	348	348	348	348	0
TAS	120	120	120	120	0
VIC	732	732	732	732	0
WA	485	485	484	484	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>0</b>

Locality by State	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ACT	145	145	145	144	-1
NSW	4,801	4,801	4,800	4,800	0
NT	342	342	342	342	0
QLD	3,398	3,398	3,398	3,398	0
SA	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,171	3,171	3,170	3,170	0
WA	1,841	1,838	1,837	1,837	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,426</b>	<b>16,423</b>	<b>16,420</b>	<b>16,419</b>	<b>-1</b>

Streets and their DPIDs	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,713,328	12,731,254	12,754,550	12,771,028	16,478
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	758,582	758,956	759,300	759,268	-32
Lot number addresses	74,332	74,168	74,000	73,886	-114
Primary point addresses	9,216,452	9,227,366	9,238,978	9,248,744	9,766
Secondary point addresses	4,255,458	4,262,844	4,274,872	4,281,552	6,680
Flat and Unit addresses	3,685,990	3,691,875	3,701,893	3,707,148	5,255
Floors and Level addresses	108,796	108,670	108,829	108,826	-3
Addresses with Building/Property Name	177,767	177,952	177,982	177,896	-86

Major Street Types	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	133,640	133,731	133,858	133,971	113
RD (Road)	131,821	131,910	132,004	132,051	47
CT (Court)	47,158	47,196	47,228	47,250	22
AVE (Avenue)	31,771	31,787	31,813	31,832	19
PL (Place)	31,295	31,319	31,348	31,366	18
DR (Drive)	24,004	24,034	24,071	24,086	15
CL (Close)	17,160	17,179	17,203	17,217	14
CRES (Crescent)	15,018	15,032	15,048	15,062	14
No Street Type (Blank)	2,497	2,499	2,499	2,500	1
Other Street Types	68,041	68,223	68,384	68,511	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>502,405</b>	<b>502,910</b>	<b>503,456</b>	<b>503,846</b>	<b>390</b>

Address of Major Street Types	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,019,519	5,024,924	5,032,529	5,037,480	4,951
RD (Road)	2,874,437	2,878,404	2,882,762	2,885,863	3,101
CT (Court)	591,022	591,588	591,982	592,257	275
AVE (Avenue)	1,214,338	1,215,691	1,217,588	1,218,838	1,250
PL (Place)	442,955	443,431	444,023	444,364	341
DR (Drive)	937,941	939,282	941,488	942,750	1,262
CL (Close)	226,731	227,015	227,273	227,509	236
CRES (Crescent)	522,856	523,434	524,303	525,018	715
No Street Type (Blank)	102,635	102,664	102,718	102,747	29
Other Street Types	1,613,808	1,617,945	1,623,184	1,627,356	4,172
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,546,242</b>	<b>13,564,378</b>	<b>13,587,850</b>	<b>13,604,182</b>	<b>16,332</b>

Postal Delivery Types	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,954,671	1,954,688	1,953,060	1,951,773	-1,287
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,391	32,373	32,373	32,373	0
Locked Bag	18,709	18,709	18,709	18,687	-22
Private Bag	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,896	3,891	3,883	3,880	-3
RMB (Roadside Mail Bag/Box)	1,247	1,247	1,247	1,247	0
RSD (Roadside Delivery)	1,002	1,002	1,002	1,002	0
MS (Mail Service)	628	628	628	628	0
CMB (Community Mail Bag)	557	557	557	557	0
Roadside Mail Service	2	2	2	2	0
CMA (Community Mail Agent)	0	0	0	0	0
CPA (Community Postal Agent)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,022,919</b>	<b>2,022,913</b>	<b>2,021,277</b>	<b>2,019,965</b>	<b>-1,312</b>

Street Addresses by State	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ACT	232,156	232,380	232,553	233,039	486
NSW	4,214,467	4,218,646	4,225,049	4,228,997	3,948
NT	94,718	94,731	94,790	94,790	0
QLD	2,758,885	2,762,441	2,767,780	2,772,178	4,398
SA	970,562	971,926	973,153	974,102	949
TAS	329,472	329,670	330,423	330,791	368
VIC	3,560,348	3,566,472	3,573,246	3,577,311	4,065
WA	1,385,634	1,388,112	1,390,856	1,392,974	2,118
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,546,242</b>	<b>13,564,378</b>	<b>13,587,850</b>	<b>13,604,182</b>	<b>16,332</b>

PD Type Addresses by State	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	Latest Difference
ACT	37,272	37,272	37,123	36,766	-357
NSW	628,158	628,138	628,101	627,004	-1,097
NT	46,339	46,340	46,339	46,403	64
QLD	451,862	451,862	451,862	451,887	25
SA	176,989	176,991	176,906	177,099	193
TAS	53,031	53,031	53,034	53,040	6
VIC	416,555	416,569	415,786	415,789	3
WA	212,713	212,710	212,126	211,977	-149
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,022,919</b>	<b>2,022,913</b>	<b>2,021,277</b>	<b>2,019,965</b>	<b>-1,312</b>

Incremental Changes File	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	2,336	2,032	4,788	3,360
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	574	807	835	729
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	345	568	534	409
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	2,970	5,015	2,976	2,248
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,132	1,298	1,705	1,177
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	33	72	70	40



# 3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,571,491	15,589,312	15,613,907	15,627,502	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,330	2,021	4,780	3,355	0.02%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,569,161	15,587,291	15,609,127	15,624,147	99.98%
o Insert	17,356	20,151	26,616	18,375	0.12%
o Modify	38,554	39,245	56,812	47,104	0.30%
o No change	15,513,251	15,527,895	15,525,699	15,558,668	99.58%
Receive Mail Delivery	12,615,045	12,639,140	12,677,174	12,702,368	81.30%
Non Delivery	2,954,116	2,948,151	2,931,953	2,921,779	18.70%
Accept Advertising mail	9,242,113	9,256,990	9,280,230	9,294,965	59.49%
Residential Only	14,121,114	14,138,648	14,161,238	14,176,076	90.73%
Non Residential Only	1,409,254	1,409,808	1,409,157	1,409,306	9.02%
Both Residential & Non Residential	38,793	38,835	38,732	38,765	0.25%

## Suppression Packages

	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	6,982,678	6,992,371	7,013,617	7,022,412	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	696	1,656	1,337	776	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	6,981,982	6,990,715	7,012,280	7,021,636	99.99%
o Insert	12,399	10,389	22,902	10,132	0.14%
o Modify	23,952	21,208	44,479	19,679	0.28%
o No change	6,945,631	6,959,118	6,944,899	6,991,825	99.58%

	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	163,489	164,222	165,632	166,276	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	12	10	23	23	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	163,477	164,212	165,609	166,253	99.99%
o Insert	875	745	1,420	667	0.40%
o Modify	58	62	135	58	0.03%
o No change	162,544	163,405	164,054	165,528	99.57%

Geocoded PAF

	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	% of Records
<b>Letterbox – Feature File</b>	1,103,036	1,102,868	1,102,758	1,102,421	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	170	114	349	140	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,102,866	1,102,754	1,102,409	1,102,281	99.99 %
o Insert	5	2	4	12	0.00 %
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	1,102,861	1,102,752	1,102,405	1,102,269	100.00 %

	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	2025.21	% of Records
<b>Centroid – Feature File</b>	12,979,989	12,996,304	13,001,946	13,007,041	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,905	1,765	2,765	1,569	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	12,978,084	12,994,539	12,999,181	13,005,472	99.99 %
o Insert	99	18,220	7,407	7,860	0.06 %
o Modify	0	1,827	0	786	0.01 %
o No Change	12,977,985	12,974,492	12,991,774	12,996,826	99.93 %

# 4 Appendix

<i>Term / Abbreviation</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Accept Advertising Mail</i>	Address has signage stating they do want to receive advertising mail
<i>Active Address</i>	Address is currently in Postal Address File (PAF)
<i>Address Matching Software</i>	Software that can match and correct addresses and has the capability of appending the correct Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) to each address record.
<i>AMAS</i>	Australia Post's Address Matching Approval System (AMAS as documented in the AMAS Handbook) which is a system that evaluates and approves software based on the software's ability to validate, match and append the correct DPID.
<i>ATLAS</i>	Australia Post's core addressing database
<i>Barcode</i>	A series of vertical lines of specific variety of lengths, used to represent numerical and alphabetical characters. The 4-state barcode is used in Australia Post for mail sorting.
<i>Centroid</i>	The centre of a land parcel
<i>Deceased Suppression</i>	Provide non personalised information that may be used as an indication of when someone has passed away at the related address
<i>Delivery Point Identifier (DPID)</i>	An eight-digit code developed by Australia Post that enables each delivery point in Australia to be uniquely identified
<i>Flat Unit Type</i>	The term used to generically describe Flats, Units, Apartments, Suites, Shops, and Offices
<i>Inactive Address</i>	Address is no longer in PAF or no longer in data packages
<i>Letterbox</i>	The delivery point where mail is delivered.
<i>Level Type</i>	Descriptions used to identify the floor or level of a multi-storey building or complex
<i>Lot</i>	Lot/section reference allocated to a property, recorded by the appropriate Government Department, during the sub-division of a particular parcel of land
<i>Moved Suppression</i>	Provide non personalised information that may be used as an indication of when someone has moved from the related address
<i>PAF Incremental Changes File (ICF)</i>	The file created by the AMAS Program containing DPIDs, action codes and indicators to indicate deleted addresses and changed address information for those DPIDs that have had some address components modified since the previous PAF.
<i>PAF Update</i>	The next issue of a PAF or an updated version of the PAF including deletions, additions and modifications of the addresses and the DPIDs incorporated within it and any other structural changes that Australia Post may make to the PAF.
<i>Permission and Delivery</i>	Provide information relating to the permissions and deliverability of the associated address
<i>Postal Address File (PAF)</i>	The database created by Australia Post containing Australian addresses in a correct address format, with their corresponding DPIDs.
<i>Postal Delivery Types</i>	Identification of a specific postal address, and the service number, if applicable. E.g. PO Box, Mail Service, RSD
<i>Postcode</i>	A four digit numeric code for a postal delivery area, usually aligned with placename, suburb or locality and in some circumstances a unique Postal Delivery Type
<i>Primary Point Address</i>	An address without secondary information such as a unit number, Level number or street number suffix. Real Primary Points relate to existing physical addresses that can receive mail, Phantom Primary Points are virtual addresses that cannot receive mail but have potential value in matching records with non-matching secondary points.
<i>Ranged Address</i>	Signifies an address that includes a number range e.g.317-321
<i>Receive Mail Delivery</i>	Address receives a physical delivery.
<i>Secondary Point Address</i>	An address with secondary information such as a unit number, Level number or street number suffix.