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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2026.11. 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 What's new?

New PAF File Naming

Some file names are being updated for consistency between monthly and quarterly releases. Whilst the names themselves won't change, the changes will result in some names going from upper to lower case and vice versa. The changes are occurring in part due to the PAF is now being created on a new platform. This will be as of the PAF V2026.1.

All file extension changed to lower case and file names changed to all upper case. For all PAF Releases, Monthly ICF has the word Monthly abbreviated to MTLY in uppercase. The file name is now consistent for Quarterly and Monthly PAF. For Quarterly PAF Release only, the ICF file has QTLY added to the ICF file name.

Refer to the table below for examples of the new PAF file naming:

Old	New
PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_ICF_Monthly.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_ICF_MTLY.dat
PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_ICF.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_ICF_QTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_GROUP_PDF_Monthly.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_GROUP_PDF_MTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_GROUP_PDF.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_GROUP_PDF_QTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_LOCALITY_PDF_Monthly.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_LOCALITY_PDF_MTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_LOCALITY_PDF.dat	PAF_YYYY-N(-1)_YYYY-N_LOCALITY_PDF_QTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_POINT_PDF_Monthly.dat	PAF_VYYYY-N_POINT_PDF_MTLY.dat
PAF_VYYYY-N_POINT_PDF.dat	PAF_VYYYY-N_POINT_PDF_QTLY.dat
STF_YYYY-N_Beta.dat	STF_ATF_YYYY-N_Beta.dat

Permission Delivery File – Residential & Non-Residential Flag

A review has been done on Residential and Non-Residential addresses so that they are flagged correctly in the Permission Delivery file.

By default, newly added addresses are flagged as Residential. Australia Post Operations team updates the records as they are made aware of any changes. We will however continue to do our own review and maintenance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact apdata.help@auspost.com.au.

1.3 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 may be used for appending DPIDs.

1.4 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
FY 2/14 BOND ST MORDIALLOC VIC 3195
KSK 1 LG COLLINS SQUARE TOWER 2 17 VILLAGE ST DOCKLANDS VIC 3008
BLDG 4/36 DAINTREE DR REDLAND BAY QLD 4165
RM 3/2 ALBERT RD HALLAM VIC 3803
TNHS 89/33 RIVER RD BUNDAMBA QLD 4304

2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,688,852	15,701,552	15,714,472	15,724,947	10,475
• Street DPIDs	13,673,092	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,748
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,015,760	2,015,066	2,014,184	2,010,911	-3,273
Postcode	2,929	2,928	2,928	2,928	0
Locality	16,415	16,412	16,411	16,411	0
Synonym	5,487	5,469	5,467	5,449	-18
Bordering Locality	84,844	84,844	84,854	84,854	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	515,269	515,568	515,888	516,200	312
Street Alternate	3,504	3,507	3,510	3,516	6
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	716	715	715	715	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	483	483	483	483	0
Total	2,929	2,928	2,928	2,928	0

Locality by State	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ACT	145	146	146	146	0
NSW	4,795	4,794	4,794	4,794	0
NT	342	342	343	343	0
QLD	3,398	3,395	3,394	3,394	0
SA	1,946	1,946	1,946	1,946	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,170	3,170	3,169	3,169	0
WA	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,837	0
Total	16,415	16,412	16,411	16,411	0

Streets and their DPIDs	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,838,368	12,850,993	12,864,399	12,878,930	14,531
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	761,118	761,938	762,342	761,638	-704
Lot number addresses	73,606	73,555	73,547	73,468	-79
Primary point addresses	9,287,354	9,294,547	9,301,589	9,308,546	6,957
Secondary point addresses	4,312,132	4,318,384	4,325,152	4,332,022	6,870
Flat and Unit addresses	3,731,087	3,735,885	3,741,473	3,746,971	5,498
Floors and Level addresses	109,562	109,691	109,791	109,974	183
Addresses with Building/Property Name	161,967	157,940	156,609	156,128	-481

Major Street Types	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,429	134,506	134,575	134,662	87
RD (Road)	132,380	132,424	132,481	132,529	48
CT (Court)	47,336	47,359	47,394	47,410	16
AVE (Avenue)	31,913	31,925	31,937	31,959	22
PL (Place)	31,453	31,468	31,488	31,504	16
DR (Drive)	24,203	24,222	24,248	24,262	14
CL (Close)	17,270	17,283	17,295	17,307	12
CRES (Crescent)	15,132	15,143	15,158	15,170	12
No Street Type (Blank)	2,503	2,504	2,507	2,509	2
Other Street Types	69,034	69,135	69,221	69,324	103
Total	505,653	505,969	506,304	506,636	332

Address of Major Street Types	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,059,610	5,063,970	5,068,336	5,072,366	4,030
RD (Road)	2,897,838	2,900,085	2,902,317	2,905,320	3,003
CT (Court)	593,727	594,091	594,584	594,900	316
AVE (Avenue)	1,224,697	1,225,453	1,226,432	1,227,978	1,546
PL (Place)	445,904	446,148	446,753	446,986	233
DR (Drive)	949,879	951,335	952,906	954,158	1,252
CL (Close)	228,436	228,558	228,684	228,857	173
CRES (Crescent)	528,233	528,620	529,118	529,502	384
No Street Type (Blank)	103,065	103,181	103,218	103,371	153
Other Street Types	1,641,703	1,645,045	1,647,940	1,650,598	2,658
Total	13,673,092	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,748

Postal Delivery Types	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,947,751	1,947,080	1,946,202	1,942,943	-3,259
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,275	32,275	32,275	32,275	0
Locked Bag	18,647	18,639	18,642	18,642	0
Private Bag	9,816	9,816	9,817	9,817	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,837	3,822	3,814	3,800	-14
RMB (Roadside Mail Bag/Box)	1,247	1,247	1,247	1,247	0
RSD (Roadside Delivery)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
MS (Mail Service)	627	627	627	627	0
CMB (Community Mail Bag)	558	558	558	558	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
Total	2,015,760	2,015,066	2,014,184	2,010,911	-3,273

Street Addresses by State	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ACT	234,724	234,981	235,215	235,238	23
NSW	4,248,939	4,251,867	4,255,532	4,258,422	2,890
NT	94,811	94,802	94,812	94,829	17
QLD	2,786,136	2,788,842	2,793,245	2,796,858	3,613
SA	978,871	979,689	980,697	981,515	818
TAS	331,958	332,385	332,582	332,874	292
VIC	3,595,179	3,598,932	3,602,242	3,607,068	4,826
WA	1,402,474	1,404,988	1,405,963	1,407,232	1,269
Total	13,673,092	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,748

PD Type Addresses by State	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	Latest Difference
ACT	36,631	36,630	36,630	36,630	0
NSW	625,077	624,910	624,671	622,836	-1,835
NT	45,594	45,594	45,595	45,617	22
QLD	451,543	450,721	450,497	450,537	40
SA	177,325	177,512	177,204	177,396	192
TAS	53,072	53,072	53,179	52,926	-253
VIC	415,530	415,546	415,369	413,929	-1,440
WA	210,988	211,081	211,039	211,040	1
Total	2,015,760	2,015,066	2,014,184	2,010,911	-3,273

Incremental Changes File	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,611	3,596	2,749	6,322
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	759	746	744	694
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	417	417	417	409
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	10,610	6,832	4,420	4,218
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,269	1,325	1,312	1,356
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	50	42	94	52

3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,692,449	15,705,143	15,717,214	15,731,261	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,597	3,591	2,742	6,314	0.04 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,688,852	15,701,552	15,714,472	15,724,947	99.96 %
o Insert	19,106	16,291	15,662	16,789	0.11 %
o Modify	46,495	56,798	65,548	33,784	0.21 %
o No change	15,623,251	15,628,463	15,633,262	15,674,374	99.64 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,692,794	12,719,488	12,738,054	12,755,036	81.08 %
Non Delivery	2,996,058	2,982,064	2,976,418	2,969,911	18.88 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,297,330	9,315,730	9,325,428	9,332,383	59.32 %
Residential Only	14,240,747	14,247,463	14,238,673	14,250,301	90.59 %
Non Residential Only	1,409,897	1,413,321	1,435,472	1,434,363	9.12 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	38,208	40,768	40,327	40,283	0.26 %

Suppression Packages

	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	0	0	0	0	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	0	0	0	0	0
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	0	0	0	0	0
o Insert	0	0	0	0	0
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0
o No change	0	0	0	0	0

	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	0	0	0	0	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	0	0	0	0	0
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	0	0	0	0	0
o Insert	0	0	0	0	0
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0
o No change	0	0	0	0	0

Geocoded PAF

	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,101,848	1,101,706	1,101,589	1,101,509	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	193	120	83	84	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,101,655	1,101,586	1,101,506	1,101,425	99.99 %
○ Insert	27	51	3	3	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,101,628	1,101,535	1,101,503	1,101,422	99.99 %

	2025.4	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,059,201	13,072,361	13,084,147	13,082,863	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,930	2,430	1,363	2,531	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,057,271	13,069,931	13,082,784	13,080,332	99.98 %
○ Insert	31,598	15,090	14,216	79	0.00 %
○ Modify	19,502	8,041	6,068	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	13,006,171	13,046,800	13,062,500	13,080,253	99.98 %

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.