

# PAF NEWS 2026.12

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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](mailto: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
LOT 26 GREAT NORTHERN HWY WARMUN WA 6743
U 14 G 1 FOUNDRY ST ERSKINEVILLE NSW 2043
85B ULLAPOOL RD MOUNT PLEASANT WA 6153
8B CLIFFORD RD MIRANDA NSW 2228
TNHS 1203/1 GRASSTREE CT SUNRISE BEACH QLD 4567

## 2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,701,552	15,719,167	15,724,947	15,733,809	8,862
• Street DPIDs	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,919
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,015,066	2,018,879	2,010,911	2,005,854	-5,057
Postcode	2,928	2,928	2,928	2,927	-1
Locality	16,412	16,411	16,413	16,413	0
Synonym	5,469	5,467	5,449	5,100	-349
Bordering Locality	84,844	84,854	84,854	84,854	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	515,568	520,431	516,200	516,479	279
Street Alternate	3,507	3,510	3,516	3,525	9
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	715	715	715	714	-1
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	2,928	2,928	2,928	2,927	-1

Locality by State	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ACT	146	146	146	146	0
NSW	4,794	4,794	4,794	4,793	-1
NT	342	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,395	3,394	3,394	3,394	0
SA	1,946	1,946	1,948	1,949	1
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,170	3,169	3,169	3,169	0
WA	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,837	0
Total	16,412	16,411	16,413	16,413	0

Streets and their DPIDs	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,850,993	12,864,399	12,878,930	12,893,358	14,428
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	761,938	762,342	761,638	761,179	-459
Lot number addresses	73,555	73,547	73,468	73,418	-50
Primary point addresses	9,294,547	9,301,589	9,308,546	9,315,195	6,649
Secondary point addresses	4,318,384	4,325,152	4,332,022	4,339,342	7,320
Flat and Unit addresses	3,735,885	3,741,473	3,746,971	3,752,767	5,796
Floors and Level addresses	109,691	109,791	109,974	110,111	137
Addresses with Building/Property Name	157,940	156,609	156,128	152,532	-3,596

Major Street Types	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,506	134,575	134,662	134,734	72
RD (Road)	132,424	132,481	132,529	132,573	44
CT (Court)	47,359	47,394	47,410	47,431	21
AVE (Avenue)	31,925	31,937	31,959	31,978	19
PL (Place)	31,468	31,488	31,504	31,521	17
DR (Drive)	24,222	24,248	24,262	24,283	21
CL (Close)	17,283	17,295	17,307	17,320	13
CRES (Crescent)	15,143	15,158	15,170	15,184	14
No Street Type (Blank)	2,504	2,507	2,509	2,508	-1
Other Street Types	69,135	69,221	69,324	69,418	94
Total	505,969	506,304	506,636	506,950	314

Address of Major Street Types	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,063,970	5,068,336	5,072,366	5,076,900	4,534
RD (Road)	2,900,085	2,902,317	2,905,320	2,907,428	2,108
CT (Court)	594,091	594,584	594,900	595,409	509
AVE (Avenue)	1,225,453	1,226,432	1,227,978	1,228,992	1,014
PL (Place)	446,148	446,753	446,986	447,234	248
DR (Drive)	951,335	952,906	954,158	955,632	1,474
CL (Close)	228,558	228,684	228,857	229,104	247
CRES (Crescent)	528,620	529,118	529,502	530,353	851
No Street Type (Blank)	103,181	103,218	103,371	103,405	34
Other Street Types	1,645,045	1,647,940	1,650,598	1,653,498	2,900
Total	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,919

Postal Delivery Types	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,947,080	1,946,202	1,942,943	1,938,051	-4,892
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,275	32,275	32,275	32,276	1
Locked Bag	18,639	18,642	18,642	18,586	-56
Private Bag	9,816	9,817	9,817	9,716	-101
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,822	3,814	3,800	3,792	-8
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	626	-1
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	2,015,066	2,014,184	2,010,911	2,005,854	-5,057

Street Addresses by State	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ACT	234,981	235,215	235,238	235,290	52
NSW	4,251,867	4,255,532	4,258,422	4,263,237	4,815
NT	94,802	94,812	94,829	94,875	46
QLD	2,788,842	2,793,245	2,796,858	2,800,084	3,226
SA	979,689	980,697	981,515	982,538	1,023
TAS	332,385	332,582	332,874	333,088	214
VIC	3,598,932	3,602,242	3,607,068	3,610,161	3,093
WA	1,404,988	1,405,963	1,407,232	1,408,682	1,450
Total	13,686,486	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,919

PD Type Addresses by State	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	Latest Difference
ACT	36,630	36,630	36,630	36,630	0
NSW	624,910	624,671	622,836	619,532	-3,304
NT	45,594	45,595	45,617	45,617	0
QLD	450,721	450,497	450,537	450,580	43
SA	177,512	177,204	177,396	177,333	-63
TAS	53,072	53,179	52,926	52,857	-69
VIC	415,546	415,369	413,929	412,263	-1,666
WA	211,081	211,039	211,040	211,042	2
Total	2,015,066	2,014,184	2,010,911	2,005,854	-5,057

Incremental Changes File	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,596	2,749	6,322	9,369
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	746	744	694	695
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	417	417	409	450
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	6,832	4,420	4,218	8,598
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,325	1,312	1,356	1,305
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	42	94	52	34



### 3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,705,143	15,717,214	15,731,261	15,743,165	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,591	2,742	6,314	9,356	0.06 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,701,552	15,714,472	15,724,947	15,733,809	99.94 %
o Insert	16,291	15,662	16,789	18,218	0.12 %
o Modify	56,798	65,548	33,784	35,650	0.23 %
o No change	15,628,463	15,633,262	15,674,374	15,679,941	99.60 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,719,488	12,738,054	12,755,036	12,773,220	81.14 %
Non Delivery	2,982,064	2,976,418	2,969,911	2,960,589	18.81 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,315,730	9,325,428	9,332,383	9,340,528	59.33 %
Residential Only	14,247,463	14,238,673	14,250,301	14,259,564	90.58 %
Non Residential Only	1,413,321	1,435,472	1,434,363	1,433,973	9.11 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,768	40,327	40,283	40,272	0.26 %

#### Suppression Packages

	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,065,559	7,069,512	7,071,427	7,074,636	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	1,196	2,326	2,002	3,015	0.04 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,064,363	7,067,186	7,069,425	7,071,621	99.96 %
o Insert	4,610	5,149	4,241	5,211	0.07 %
o Modify	8,313	8,999	6,714	8,067	0.11 %
o No change	7,051,440	7,053,038	7,058,470	7,058,343	99.82 %

	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	170,642	171,337	171,941	172,718	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	20	21	37	49	0.03 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	170,622	171,316	171,904	172,669	99.97 %
o Insert	885	715	625	814	0.47 %
o Modify	65	64	47	75	0.04 %
o No change	169,672	170,537	171,232	171,780	99.49 %

## Geocoded PAF

	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	% of Records
<b>Letterbox – Feature File</b>	1,101,706	1,101,589	1,101,509	1,101,433	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	120	83	84	333	0.03 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,101,586	1,101,506	1,101,425	1,101,100	99.97 %
○ Insert	51	3	3	8	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,101,535	1,101,503	1,101,422	1,101,092	99.97 %

	2025.41	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	% of Records
<b>Centroid – Feature File</b>	13,072,361	13,084,147	13,082,863	13,080,433	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	2,430	1,363	2,531	2,447	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,069,931	13,082,784	13,080,332	13,077,986	99.98 %
○ Insert	15,090	14,216	79	101	0.00 %
○ Modify	8,041	6,068	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	13,046,800	13,062,500	13,080,253	13,077,885	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.