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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2026.41. 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

New Postal Delivery Types

The PCL COL and PCL LKR Postal Delivery Types have been added as part of the PAF V2026.41 release. The Code File has been updated accordingly to include these new values, along with the valid and unacceptable representations of the Postal Delivery Type.

Count:

PCL COL (Parcel Collect): 3,709

PCL LKR (Parcel Locker): 1,460

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Suppression Packages Updates

As part of the PAF V2026.41 release, the Moved Suppression and Deceased Suppression files have been updated in line with Australia Post's data retention requirements. Consequently, records that have reached the end of the applicable retention period are no longer included in these files.

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 maybe 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 17/1152 NEPEAN HWY MORNINGTON VIC 3931
30A CARRINGTON CCT LEUMEAH NSW 2560
U 2/46 ST ACHS ST NUDGEES QLD 4014
9A KUROW CL WAMBERAL NSW 2260
9A CLARONGA ST BENTLEIGH EAST VIC 3165

2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,811,882	15,828,722	15,835,387	15,856,483	21,096
• Street DPIDs	13,806,578	13,825,549	13,837,235	13,855,397	18,162
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,005,304	2,003,173	1,998,152	2,001,086	2,934
Postcode	2,941	2,940	2,940	2,940	0
Locality	16,430	16,428	16,426	16,425	-1
Synonym	5,163	5,159	5,154	5,154	0
Bordering Locality	84,877	84,883	84,883	84,909	26
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	518,541	518,979	519,192	523,793	4,601
Street Alternate	3,556	3,569	3,578	3,600	22
Code	641	641	641	649	8

Postcode by State	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	718	717	716	716	0
NT	52	52	52	52	0
QLD	450	450	450	450	0
SA	349	349	349	349	0
TAS	120	120	120	120	0
VIC	737	737	737	737	0
WA	484	484	485	485	0
Total	2,941	2,940	2,940	2,940	0

Locality by State	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ACT	147	147	147	147	0
NSW	4,798	4,797	4,796	4,794	-2
NT	343	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,398	3,398	3,398	3,399	1
SA	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,950	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,175	3,173	3,171	3,171	0
WA	1,837	1,838	1,839	1,839	0
Total	16,430	16,428	16,426	16,425	-1

Streets and their DPIDs	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,970,624	12,988,584	13,001,708	13,021,072	19,364
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	762,790	764,062	764,232	764,250	18
Lot number addresses	73,164	72,903	71,295	70,075	-1,220
Primary point addresses	9,357,443	9,368,371	9,375,557	9,383,506	7,949
Secondary point addresses	4,375,971	4,384,275	4,390,383	4,401,816	11,433
Flat and Unit addresses	3,781,977	3,788,576	3,793,243	3,802,578	9,335
Floors and Level addresses	110,931	110,917	110,854	111,231	377
Addresses with Building/Property Name	141,716	141,593	134,970	125,766	-9,204

Major Street Types	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	135,292	135,401	135,474	135,538	64
RD (Road)	132,991	133,061	133,041	133,041	0
CT (Court)	47,538	47,557	47,573	47,593	20
AVE (Avenue)	32,071	32,093	32,102	32,117	15
PL (Place)	31,606	31,623	31,631	31,643	12
DR (Drive)	24,385	24,416	24,444	24,465	21
CL (Close)	17,381	17,401	17,410	17,420	10
CRES (Crescent)	15,249	15,267	15,284	15,298	14
No Street Type (Blank)	2,511	2,514	2,512	2,512	0
Other Street Types	70,010	70,160	70,259	70,374	115
Total	509,034	509,493	509,730	510,001	271

Address of Major Street Types	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,102,082	5,107,807	5,110,959	5,115,833	4,874
RD (Road)	2,921,678	2,925,215	2,926,676	2,930,016	3,340
CT (Court)	597,854	598,331	598,748	599,094	346
AVE (Avenue)	1,235,336	1,236,799	1,238,104	1,239,954	1,850
PL (Place)	449,754	450,153	450,380	450,819	439
DR (Drive)	961,976	963,536	965,053	967,505	2,452
CL (Close)	230,281	230,680	230,836	231,098	262
CRES (Crescent)	533,817	534,598	535,217	536,101	884
No Street Type (Blank)	103,676	103,729	103,875	103,997	122
Other Street Types	1,670,124	1,674,701	1,677,387	1,680,980	3,593
Total	13,806,578	13,825,549	13,837,235	13,855,397	18,162

Postal Delivery Types	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,937,561	1,935,444	1,930,461	1,928,309	-2,152
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,276	32,276	32,280	32,280	0
Locked Bag	18,557	18,557	18,536	18,472	-64
Private Bag	9,710	9,709	9,695	9,682	-13
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,767	3,754	3,747	3,744	-3
PCL COL (Parcel Collect)	0	0	0	3,709	3,709
PCL LKR (Parcel Locker)	0	0	0	1,460	1,460
RMB (Roadside Mail Bag/Box)	1,247	1,247	1,247	1,244	-3
RSD (Roadside Delivery)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
MS (Mail Service)	626	626	626	626	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	2,005,304	2,003,173	1,998,152	2,001,086	2,934

Street Addresses by State	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ACT	237,091	237,301	237,704	238,061	357
NSW	4,283,809	4,289,518	4,292,803	4,297,660	4,857
NT	95,242	95,247	95,267	95,430	163
QLD	2,819,865	2,824,398	2,826,767	2,831,166	4,399
SA	988,460	990,474	991,805	993,042	1,237
TAS	334,118	334,354	334,368	334,616	248
VIC	3,629,242	3,632,851	3,635,272	3,640,131	4,859
WA	1,418,751	1,421,406	1,423,249	1,425,291	2,042
Total	13,806,578	13,825,549	13,837,235	13,855,397	18,162

PD Type Addresses by State	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	Latest Difference
ACT	36,630	36,630	36,630	36,712	82
NSW	618,338	617,345	617,050	617,912	862
NT	45,941	45,941	46,249	46,303	54
QLD	451,110	451,076	450,495	451,098	603
SA	177,744	178,003	178,003	178,510	507
TAS	52,837	52,793	52,678	52,877	199
VIC	411,929	410,586	406,352	406,397	45
WA	210,775	210,799	210,695	211,277	582
Total	2,005,304	2,003,173	1,998,152	2,001,086	2,934

Incremental Changes File	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	2,104	4,230	10,385	5,901
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	874	774	729	652
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	525	552	414	1,606
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	7,897	6,120	10,803	13,541
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,177	1,321	1,177	1,785
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	69	67	54	56

3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,813,981	15,832,946	15,845,661	15,862,290	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,099	4,224	10,274	5,807	0.04 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,811,882	15,828,722	15,835,387	15,856,483	99.96 %
o Insert	18,697	21,064	16,939	26,903	0.17 %
o Modify	127,524	41,242	42,156	43,498	0.27 %
o No change	15,665,661	15,766,416	15,776,292	15,786,082	99.52 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,767,161	12,798,240	12,822,961	12,852,917	81.03 %
Non Delivery	3,044,721	3,030,482	3,012,426	3,003,566	18.94 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,358,108	9,374,031	9,389,430	9,403,573	59.28 %
Residential Only	14,339,344	14,357,487	14,366,287	14,382,485	90.67 %
Non Residential Only	1,432,194	1,430,451	1,428,341	1,433,297	9.04 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,344	40,784	40,759	40,701	0.26 %

Suppression Packages

	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,093,960	7,095,722	7,098,236	3,637,466	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	674	1,315	2,742	9,709	0.27 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,093,286	7,094,407	7,095,494	3,627,757	99.73 %
o Insert	5,791	2,436	3,829	16,090	0.44 %
o Modify	10,055	4,198	6,173	9,595	0.26 %
o No change	7,077,440	7,087,773	7,085,492	3,602,072	99.03 %

	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	176,923	177,372	177,987	163,559	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	18	30	53	55	0.03 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	176,905	177,342	177,934	163,504	99.97 %
o Insert	1,077	467	645	298	0.18 %
o Modify	77	38	47	34	0.02 %
o No change	175,751	176,837	177,242	163,172	99.76 %

Geocoded PAF

	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,100,399	1,100,276	1,100,083	1,099,781	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	132	196	306	117	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,100,267	1,100,080	1,099,777	1,099,664	99.99 %
○ Insert	0	9	3	4	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,100,267	1,100,071	1,099,774	1,099,660	99.99 %

	2026.31	2026.32	2026.4	2026.41	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,684,757	13,683,670	13,683,688	13,693,299	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,200	1,665	4,140	2,606	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,683,557	13,682,005	13,679,548	13,690,693	99.98 %
○ Insert	285	113	1,683	13,751	0.10 %
○ Modify	0	0	2,778	21,920	0.16 %
○ No Change	13,683,272	13,681,892	13,675,087	13,655,022	99.72 %

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.