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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2027.11. 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 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.

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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
U 16/1 MCKENZIE RD MANGO HILL QLD 4509
OFF 5/293 HONOUR AVE GRACEVILLE QLD 4075
23B ROSS ST DARLINGTON POINT NSW 2706
SHOP 4/26-28 MOONTA ST ADELAIDE SA 5000
49A MEPUNGA ST CONCORD WEST NSW 2138

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2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,835,387	15,856,483	15,864,134	15,871,695	7,561
• Street DPIDs	13,837,235	13,855,397	13,864,259	13,873,900	9,641
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	1,998,152	2,001,086	1,999,875	1,997,795	-2,080
Postcode	2,940	2,940	2,940	2,940	0
Locality	16,426	16,425	16,426	16,426	0
Synonym	5,154	5,154	5,144	5,038	-106
Bordering Locality	84,883	84,909	84,901	84,903	2
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	519,192	523,793	523,982	524,132	150
Street Alternate	3,578	3,600	3,606	3,614	8
Code	649	649	649	657	8

Postcode by State	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	716	716	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	485	485	485	485	0
Total	2,940	2,940	2,940	2,940	0

Locality by State	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ACT	147	147	147	147	0
NSW	4,796	4,794	4,794	4,794	0
NT	343	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,398	3,399	3,400	3,400	0
SA	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,950	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,171	3,171	3,171	3,171	0
WA	1,839	1,839	1,839	1,839	0
Total	16,426	16,425	16,426	16,426	0

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Streets and their DPIDs	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	13,001,708	13,021,072	13,030,342	13,042,539	12,197
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	764,232	764,250	764,795	764,801	6
Lot number addresses	71,295	70,075	69,122	66,560	-2,562
Primary point addresses	9,375,557	9,383,506	9,387,271	9,391,695	4,424
Secondary point addresses	4,390,383	4,401,816	4,407,866	4,415,645	7,779
Flat and Unit addresses	3,793,243	3,802,578	3,807,628	3,813,997	6,369
Floors and Level addresses	110,854	111,231	111,225	111,356	131
Addresses with Building/Property Name	134,970	125,766	125,330	125,185	-145

Major Street Types	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	135,474	135,538	135,586	135,643	57
RD (Road)	133,041	133,041	133,043	133,040	-3
CT (Court)	47,573	47,593	47,602	47,614	12
AVE (Avenue)	32,102	32,117	32,124	32,129	5
PL (Place)	31,631	31,643	31,648	31,657	9
DR (Drive)	24,444	24,465	24,476	24,496	20
CL (Close)	17,410	17,420	17,424	17,432	8
CRES (Crescent)	15,284	15,298	15,302	15,310	8
No Street Type (Blank)	2,512	2,512	2,512	2,508	-4
Other Street Types	70,259	70,374	70,432	70,486	54
Total	509,730	510,001	510,149	510,315	166

Address of Major Street Types	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,110,959	5,115,833	5,118,142	5,122,206	4,064
RD (Road)	2,926,676	2,930,016	2,931,357	2,932,635	1,278
CT (Court)	598,748	599,094	599,344	599,666	322
AVE (Avenue)	1,238,104	1,239,954	1,240,787	1,241,104	317
PL (Place)	450,380	450,819	450,945	451,210	265
DR (Drive)	965,053	967,505	968,435	969,130	695
CL (Close)	230,836	231,098	231,141	231,287	146
CRES (Crescent)	535,217	536,101	536,582	536,889	307
No Street Type (Blank)	103,875	103,997	103,975	103,972	-3
Other Street Types	1,677,387	1,680,980	1,683,551	1,685,801	2,250
Total	13,837,235	13,855,397	13,864,259	13,873,900	9,641

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Postal Delivery Types	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,930,461	1,928,309	1,927,034	1,925,011	-2,023
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,280	32,280	32,280	32,280	0
Locked Bag	18,536	18,472	18,471	18,470	-1
Private Bag	9,695	9,682	9,682	9,673	-9
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,747	3,744	3,743	3,744	1
PCL COL (Parcel Collect)	0	3,709	3,720	3,718	-2
PCL LKR (Parcel Locker)	0	1,460	1,515	1,484	-31
RMB (Roadside Mail Bag/Box)	1,247	1,244	1,244	1,229	-15
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	1,998,152	2,001,086	1,999,875	1,997,795	-2,080

Street Addresses by State	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ACT	237,704	238,061	238,118	238,916	798
NSW	4,292,803	4,297,660	4,299,520	4,303,491	3,971
NT	95,267	95,430	95,432	95,437	5
QLD	2,826,767	2,831,166	2,832,895	2,834,784	1,889
SA	991,805	993,042	994,102	995,260	1,158
TAS	334,368	334,616	334,733	334,871	138
VIC	3,635,272	3,640,131	3,643,302	3,643,864	562
WA	1,423,249	1,425,291	1,426,157	1,427,277	1,120
Total	13,837,235	13,855,397	13,864,259	13,873,900	9,641

PD Type Addresses by State	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	Latest Difference
ACT	36,630	36,712	36,713	36,713	0
NSW	617,050	617,912	616,760	614,644	-2,116
NT	46,249	46,303	46,305	46,304	-1
QLD	450,495	451,098	450,943	450,927	-16
SA	178,003	178,510	178,789	178,851	62
TAS	52,678	52,877	52,926	52,925	-1
VIC	406,352	406,397	406,037	406,007	-30
WA	210,695	211,277	211,402	211,424	22
Total	1,998,152	2,001,086	1,999,875	1,997,795	-2,080

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Incremental Changes File	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	10,385	5,901	4,287	7,081
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	729	652	414	578
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	414	1,606	290	403
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	10,803	13,541	1,967	8,414
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,177	1,785	826	1,082
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	54	56	17	60

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3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,845,661	15,862,290	15,868,393	15,878,690	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	10,274	5,807	4,259	6,995	0.04 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,835,387	15,856,483	15,864,134	15,871,695	99.96 %
○ Insert	16,939	26,903	11,910	14,556	0.09 %
○ Modify	42,156	43,498	29,126	78,105	0.49 %
○ No change	15,776,292	15,786,082	15,823,098	15,779,034	99.37 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,822,961	12,852,917	12,868,258	12,917,041	81.35 %
Non Delivery	3,012,426	3,003,566	2,995,876	2,954,654	18.61 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,389,430	9,403,573	9,411,625	9,453,256	59.53 %
Residential Only	14,366,287	14,382,485	14,396,199	14,402,861	90.71 %
Non Residential Only	1,428,341	1,433,297	1,427,407	1,427,016	8.99 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,759	40,701	40,528	41,818	0.26 %

Suppression Packages

	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,098,236	3,637,466	3,661,561	3,634,172	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,742	9,709	15,644	8,657	0.24 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,095,494	3,627,757	3,645,917	3,625,515	99.76 %
○ Insert	3,829	16,090	66,771	1,035	0.03 %
○ Modify	6,173	9,595	43,734	1,905	0.05 %
○ No change	7,085,492	3,602,072	3,535,412	3,622,575	99.68 %

	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	177,987	163,559	164,121	164,396	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	53	55	80	161	0.10 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	177,934	163,504	164,041	164,235	99.90 %
○ Insert	645	298	342	126	0.08 %
○ Modify	47	34	31	17	0.01 %
○ No change	177,242	163,172	163,668	164,092	99.82 %

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Geocoded PAF

	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,100,083	1,099,781	1,099,680	1,099,628	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	306	117	55	556	0.05 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,099,777	1,099,664	1,099,625	1,099,072	99.95 %
○ Insert	3	4	16	3	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,099,774	1,099,660	1,099,609	1,099,069	99.95 %

	2026.4	2026.41	2027.1	2027.11	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,683,688	13,693,299	13,695,787	13,693,500	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	4,140	2,606	2,321	4,670	0.03 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,679,548	13,690,693	13,693,466	13,688,830	99.97 %
○ Insert	1,683	13,751	5,094	34	0.00 %
○ Modify	2,778	21,920	802	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	13,675,087	13,655,022	13,687,570	13,688,796	99.97 %

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4 Appendix

Term / Abbreviation	Description
Accept Advertising Mail	Address has signage stating they do want to receive advertising mail
Active Address	Address is currently in Postal Address File (PAF)
Address Matching Software	Software that can match and correct addresses and has the capability of appending the correct Delivery Point Identifier (DPID) to each address record.
AMAS	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.
ATLAS	Australia Post's core addressing database
Barcode	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.
Centroid	The centre of a land parcel
Deceased Suppression	Provide non personalised information that may be used as an indication of when someone has passed away at the related address
Delivery Point Identifier (DPID)	An eight-digit code developed by Australia Post that enables each delivery point in Australia to be uniquely identified
Flat Unit Type	The term used to generically describe Flats, Units, Apartments, Suites, Shops, and Offices
Inactive Address	Address is no longer in PAF or no longer in data packages
Letterbox	The delivery point where mail is delivered.
Level Type	Descriptions used to identify the floor or level of a multi-storey building or complex
Lot	Lot/section reference allocated to a property, recorded by the appropriate Government Department, during the sub-division of a particular parcel of land
Moved Suppression	Provide non personalised information that may be used as an indication of when someone has moved from the related address
PAF Incremental Changes File (ICF)	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.
PAF Update	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.
Permission and Delivery	Provide information relating to the permissions and deliverability of the associated address
Postal Address File (PAF)	The database created by Australia Post containing Australian addresses in a correct address format, with their corresponding DPIDs.
Postal Delivery Types	Identification of a specific postal address, and the service number, if applicable. E.g. PO Box, Mail Service, RSD
Postcode	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
Primary Point Address	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.
Ranged Address	Signifies an address that includes a number range e.g.317-321
Receive Mail Delivery	Address receives a physical delivery.
Secondary Point Address	An address with secondary information such as a unit number, Level number or street number suffix.

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