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# 1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2025.11. 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.

### 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
167-169 FRANKLIN ST TRARALGON VIC 3844
70-92 DUVE ST MARSHALL VIC 3216
SHOP 10/199-203 CAMBERWELL RD HAWTHORN EAST VIC 3123
U 1211/177-219 MITCHELL RD ERSKINEVILLE NSW 2043
58-60 DUVE ST MARSHALL VIC 3216

## 2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,521,857	15,539,024	15,554,135	15,569,161	15,026
• Street DPIDs	13,496,569	13,515,144	13,531,171	13,546,242	15,071
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,025,288	2,023,880	2,022,964	2,022,919	-45
Postcode	2,933	2,933	2,933	2,933	0
Locality	16,428	16,428	16,426	16,426	0
Synonym	5,832	5,832	5,829	5,829	0
Bordering Locality	84,747	84,747	84,799	84,799	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	510,967	511,373	511,703	512,117	414
Street Alternate	3,417	3,428	3,440	3,452	12
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	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	485	485	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>0</b>

Locality by State	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
ACT	145	145	145	145	0
NSW	4,803	4,803	4,801	4,801	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	3,171	3,171	0
WA	1,841	1,841	1,841	1,841	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,428</b>	<b>16,428</b>	<b>16,426</b>	<b>16,426</b>	<b>0</b>

Streets and their DPIDs	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,663,860	12,682,249	12,697,771	12,713,328	15,557
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	757,939	758,222	758,860	758,582	-278
Lot number addresses	74,770	74,673	74,540	74,332	-208
Primary point addresses	9,190,645	9,200,027	9,207,347	9,216,452	9,105
Secondary point addresses	4,231,154	4,240,444	4,249,284	4,255,458	6,174
Flat and Unit addresses	3,665,951	3,673,738	3,681,058	3,685,990	4,932
Floors and Level addresses	108,348	108,452	108,557	108,796	239
Addresses with Building/Property Name	179,064	178,235	177,767	178,050	283

Major Street Types	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	133,322	133,425	133,522	133,640	118
RD (Road)	131,629	131,704	131,737	131,821	84
CT (Court)	47,080	47,104	47,134	47,158	24
AVE (Avenue)	31,705	31,724	31,747	31,771	24
PL (Place)	31,245	31,262	31,276	31,295	19
DR (Drive)	23,924	23,955	23,978	24,004	26
CL (Close)	17,134	17,147	17,150	17,160	10
CRES (Crescent)	14,972	14,989	15,003	15,018	15
No Street Type (Blank)	2,497	2,497	2,496	2,497	1
Other Street Types	67,722	67,836	67,940	68,041	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,230</b>	<b>501,643</b>	<b>501,983</b>	<b>502,405</b>	<b>422</b>

Address of Major Street Types	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,001,960	5,008,569	5,014,780	5,019,519	4,739
RD (Road)	2,866,274	2,869,154	2,871,386	2,874,437	3,051
CT (Court)	589,778	590,250	590,819	591,022	203
AVE (Avenue)	1,209,669	1,211,954	1,213,199	1,214,338	1,139
PL (Place)	441,350	442,059	442,380	442,955	575
DR (Drive)	934,137	935,542	936,780	937,941	1,161
CL (Close)	226,329	226,496	226,604	226,731	127
CRES (Crescent)	521,041	521,777	522,269	522,856	587
No Street Type (Blank)	102,458	102,579	102,598	102,635	37
Other Street Types	1,603,573	1,606,764	1,610,356	1,613,808	3,452
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,496,569</b>	<b>13,515,144</b>	<b>13,531,171</b>	<b>13,546,242</b>	<b>15,071</b>

Postal Delivery Types	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,957,015	1,955,617	1,954,711	1,954,671	-40
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,391	32,391	32,391	32,391	0
Locked Bag	18,719	18,713	18,708	18,709	1
Private Bag	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,911	3,907	3,902	3,896	-6
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>2,025,288</b>	<b>2,023,880</b>	<b>2,022,964</b>	<b>2,022,919</b>	<b>-45</b>

Street Addresses by State	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
ACT	231,231	231,558	232,003	232,156	153
NSW	4,201,120	4,205,809	4,209,842	4,214,467	4,625
NT	94,522	94,662	94,733	94,718	-15
QLD	2,751,519	2,754,860	2,757,283	2,758,885	1,602
SA	967,499	968,444	969,318	970,562	1,244
TAS	328,799	329,039	329,296	329,472	176
VIC	3,540,327	3,547,982	3,554,843	3,560,348	5,505
WA	1,381,552	1,382,790	1,383,853	1,385,634	1,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,496,569</b>	<b>13,515,144</b>	<b>13,531,171</b>	<b>13,546,242</b>	<b>15,071</b>

PD Type Addresses by State	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	Latest Difference
ACT	37,273	37,272	37,272	37,272	0
NSW	629,039	628,636	628,478	628,158	-320
NT	46,339	46,339	46,339	46,339	0
QLD	452,759	451,762	451,862	451,862	0
SA	178,020	178,021	176,982	176,989	7
TAS	53,029	53,029	53,029	53,031	2
VIC	416,223	416,212	416,289	416,555	266
WA	212,606	212,609	212,713	212,713	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,025,288</b>	<b>2,023,880</b>	<b>2,022,964</b>	<b>2,022,919</b>	<b>-45</b>

Incremental Changes File	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	7,775	3,015	3,269	2,336
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	563	652	570	574
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	383	408	349	345
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	1,571	3,686	3,942	2,970
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,345	1,381	1,440	1,132
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	35	73	36	33



# 3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,529,628	15,542,035	15,557,386	15,571,491	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	7,771	3,011	3,251	2,330	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,521,857	15,539,024	15,554,135	15,569,161	99.99%
o Insert	17,936	20,178	18,362	17,356	0.11%
o Modify	58,302	50,868	48,882	38,554	0.25%
o No change	15,445,619	15,467,978	15,486,891	15,513,251	99.64%
Receive Mail Delivery	12,537,977	12,566,904	12,593,673	12,615,045	81.03%
Non Delivery	2,983,880	2,972,120	2,960,462	2,954,116	18.97%
Accept Advertising mail	9,200,848	9,216,031	9,231,887	9,242,113	59.36%
Residential Only	14,074,562	14,091,694	14,105,957	14,121,114	90.70%
Non Residential Only	1,408,395	1,408,474	1,409,165	1,409,254	9.05%
Both Residential & Non Residential	38,900	38,856	39,013	38,793	0.25%

## Suppression Packages

	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	6,955,572	6,963,205	6,975,044	6,982,678	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,550	1,398	4,765	696	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	6,953,022	6,961,807	6,970,279	6,981,982	99.99%
o Insert	10,905	10,183	13,237	12,399	0.18%
o Modify	20,507	19,314	26,989	23,952	0.34%
o No change	6,921,610	6,932,310	6,930,053	6,945,631	99.48%

	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	161,005	161,710	162,632	163,489	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	45	38	18	12	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	160,960	161,672	162,614	163,477	99.99%
o Insert	783	750	960	875	0.54%
o Modify	78	63	80	58	0.04%
o No change	160,099	160,859	161,574	162,544	99.42%

Geocoded PAF

	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	% of Records
<b>Letterbox – Feature File</b>	1,103,383	1,103,275	1,103,210	1,103,036	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	110	66	179	170	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,103,273	1,103,209	1,103,031	1,102,866	99.98 %
o Insert	0	2	1	5	0.00 %
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	1,103,273	1,103,207	1,103,030	1,102,861	100.00 %

	2024.4	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	% of Records
<b>Centroid – Feature File</b>	12,965,773	12,982,911	12,981,733	12,979,989	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,464	1,293	1,843	1,905	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	12,964,309	12,981,618	12,979,890	12,978,084	99.99 %
o Insert	24,812	18,602	115	99	0.00 %
o Modify	0	1,810	20,382	0	0.00 %
o No Change	12,939,497	12,961,206	12,959,393	12,977,985	100.00 %

# 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.