PAF News 2025.12

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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2025.12. 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
70-74 MACARTHUR ST DUNKELD VIC 3294
2-8 THE HEIGHTS   SORRENTO VIC 3943
U 5/102-104 BIGGS ST ST ALBANS VIC 3021
SHOP 6/668-670 WARBURTON HWY SEVILLE VIC 3139
116-118 CARRAMAR DR MALUA BAY NSW 2536

2   PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,539,024	15,554,135	15,569,161	15,587,291	*18,130*
• Street DPIDs	13,515,144	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	*18,136*
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,023,880	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	*-6*
Postcode	2,933	2,933	2,933	2,933	*0*
Locality	16,428	16,426	16,426	16,423	*-3*
Synonym	5,832	5,832	5,829	5,830	*1*
Bordering Locality	84,747	84,747	84,799	84,799	*0*
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	511,373	511,703	512,117	512,616	*499*
Street Alternate	3,428	3,440	3,452	3,466	*14*
Code	641	641	641	641	*0*

Postcode by State	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	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*
Total	**2,933**	**2,933**	**2,933**	**2,933**	**0**

Locality by State	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
ACT	145	145	145	145	*0*
NSW	4,803	4,801	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	1,838	*-3*
Total	**16,428**	**16,426**	**16,426**	**16,423**	**-3**

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Streets and their DPIDs	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,682,249	12,697,771	12,713,328	12,731,254	17,926
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	758,222	758,860	758,582	758,956	374
Lot number addresses	74,673	74,540	74,332	74,168	-164
Primary point addresses	9,200,027	9,207,347	9,216,452	9,227,366	10,914
Secondary point addresses	4,240,444	4,249,284	4,255,458	4,262,844	7,386
Flat and Unit addresses	3,673,738	3,681,058	3,685,990	3,691,875	5,885
Floors and Level addresses	108,452	108,557	108,796	108,670	-126
Addresses with Building/Property Name	179,064	178,235	177,767	177,952	-185

Major Street Types	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	133,425	133,522	133,640	133,731	91
RD (Road)	131,704	131,737	131,821	131,910	89
CT (Court)	47,104	47,134	47,158	47,196	38
AVE (Avenue)	31,724	31,747	31,771	31,787	16
PL (Place)	31,262	31,276	31,295	31,319	24
DR (Drive)	23,955	23,978	24,004	24,034	30
CL (Close)	17,147	17,150	17,160	17,179	19
CRES (Crescent)	14,989	15,003	15,018	15,032	14
No Street Type (Blank)	2,497	2,496	2,497	2,499	2
Other Street Types	67,836	67,940	68,041	68,223	182
Total	501,643	501,983	502,405	502,910	505

Address of Major Street Types	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,008,569	5,014,780	5,019,519	5,024,924	5,405
RD (Road)	2,869,154	2,871,386	2,874,437	2,878,404	3,967
CT (Court)	590,250	590,819	591,022	591,588	566
AVE (Avenue)	1,211,954	1,213,199	1,214,338	1,215,691	1,353
PL (Place)	442,059	442,380	442,955	443,431	476
DR (Drive)	935,542	936,780	937,941	939,282	1,341
CL (Close)	226,496	226,604	226,731	227,015	284
CRES (Crescent)	521,777	522,269	522,856	523,434	578
No Street Type (Blank)	102,579	102,598	102,635	102,664	29
Other Street Types	1,606,764	1,610,356	1,613,808	1,617,945	4,137
Total	13,515,144	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	18,136

Postal Delivery Types	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,955,617	1,954,711	1,954,671	1,954,688	17

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Postal Delivery Types	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,391	32,391	32,391	32,373	-18
Locked Bag	18,713	18,708	18,709	18,709	0
Private Bag	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,907	3,902	3,896	3,891	-5
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
Total	2,023,880	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	-6

Street Addresses by State	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
ACT	231,558	232,003	232,156	232,380	224
NSW	4,205,809	4,209,842	4,214,467	4,218,646	4,179
NT	94,662	94,733	94,718	94,731	13
QLD	2,754,860	2,757,283	2,758,885	2,762,441	3,556
SA	968,444	969,318	970,562	971,926	1,364
TAS	329,039	329,296	329,472	329,670	198
VIC	3,547,982	3,554,843	3,560,348	3,566,472	6,124
WA	1,382,790	1,383,853	1,385,634	1,388,112	2,478
Total	13,515,144	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	18,136

PD Type Addresses by State	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	Latest Difference
ACT	37,272	37,272	37,272	37,272	0
NSW	628,636	628,478	628,158	628,138	-20
NT	46,339	46,339	46,339	46,340	1
QLD	451,762	451,862	451,862	451,862	0
SA	178,021	176,982	176,989	176,991	2
TAS	53,029	53,029	53,031	53,031	0
VIC	416,212	416,289	416,555	416,569	14
WA	212,609	212,713	212,713	212,710	-3
Total	2,023,880	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	-6

Incremental Changes File	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,015	3,269	2,336	2,032
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	652	570	574	807
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	408	349	345	568
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	3,686	3,942	2,970	5,015
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,381	1,440	1,132	1,298
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	73	36	33	72

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3   PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,542,035	15,557,386	15,571,491	15,589,312	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,011	3,251	2,330	2,021	*0.01%*
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,539,024	15,554,135	15,569,161	15,587,291	*99.99%*
o Insert	20,178	18,362	17,356	20,151	*0.13%*
o Modify	50,868	48,882	38,554	39,245	*0.25%*
o No change	15,467,978	15,486,891	15,513,251	15,527,895	*99.62%*
Receive Mail Delivery	12,566,904	12,593,673	12,615,045	12,639,140	*81.09%*
Non Delivery	2,972,120	2,960,462	2,954,116	2,948,151	*18.91%*
Accept Advertising mail	9,216,031	9,231,887	9,242,113	9,256,990	*59.39%*
Residential Only	14,091,694	14,105,957	14,121,114	14,138,648	*90.71%*
Non Residential Only	1,408,474	1,409,165	1,409,254	1,409,808	*9.04%*
Both Residential & Non Residential	38,856	39,013	38,793	38,835	*0.25%*

Suppression Packages

	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	6,963,205	6,975,044	6,982,678	6,992,371	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	1,398	4,765	696	1,656	*0.02%*
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	6,961,807	6,970,279	6,981,982	6,990,715	*99.98%*
o Insert	10,183	13,237	12,399	10,389	*0.15%*
o Modify	19,314	26,989	23,952	21,208	*0.30%*
o No change	6,932,310	6,930,053	6,945,631	6,959,118	*99.55%*

	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	161,710	162,632	163,489	164,222	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	38	18	12	10	*0.01%*
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	161,672	162,614	163,477	164,212	*99.99%*
o Insert	750	960	875	745	*0.45%*
o Modify	63	80	58	62	*0.04%*
o No change	160,859	161,574	162,544	163,405	*99.51%*

Geocoded PAF

	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,103,275	1,103,210	1,103,036	1,102,868	*%*
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	66	179	170	114	*0.01 %*
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	*1,103,209*	*1,103,031*	*1,102,866*	*1,102,754*	*99.99 %*
o Insert	*2*	*1*	*5*	*2*	*0.00 %*
o Modify	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0.00 %*
o No Change	*1,103,207*	*1,103,030*	*1,102,861*	*1,102,752*	*100.00 %*

	2024.41	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	*12,982,911*	*12,981,733*	*12,979,989*	*12,996,304*	*%*
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	*1,293*	*1,843*	*1,905*	*1,765*	*0.01 %*
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	*12,981,618*	*12,979,890*	*12,978,084*	*12,994,539*	*99.99 %*
o Insert	*18,602*	*115*	*99*	*18,220*	*0.14 %*
o Modify	*1,810*	*20,382*	*0*	*1,827*	*0.01 %*
o No Change	*12,961,206*	*12,959,393*	*12,977,985*	*12,974,492*	*99.85 %*

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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