PAF NEWS 2026.2

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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2026.2. 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.

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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
RM 12/477 CROWN ST WEST WOLLONGONG NSW 2500
SHED 15/11 DRURY LANE DUNDOWRAN QLD 4655
U 2 G 11 JENNIFER ST LITTLE BAY NSW 2036
HSE 2/378 CHEVALLUM RD CHEVALLUM QLD 4555
SHOP 12/450 CHAMBERS FLAT RD LOGAN RESERVE QLD 4133

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2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,719,167	15,724,947	15,733,809	15,758,386	24,577
• Street DPIDs	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,752,688	24,733
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,018,879	2,010,911	2,005,854	2,005,698	-156
Postcode	2,928	2,928	2,927	2,927	0
Locality	16,411	16,413	16,413	16,413	0
Synonym	5,467	5,449	5,100	5,148	48
Bordering Locality	84,854	84,854	84,854	84,862	8
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	520,431	516,200	516,479	517,085	606
Street Alternate	3,510	3,516	3,525	3,523	-2
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	715	715	714	714	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	483	483	483	483	0
Total	2,928	2,928	2,927	2,927	0

Locality by State	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ACT	146	146	146	146	0
NSW	4,794	4,794	4,793	4,793	0
NT	343	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,394	3,394	3,394	3,394	0
SA	1,946	1,948	1,949	1,949	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,169	3,169	3,169	3,169	0
WA	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,837	0
Total	16,411	16,413	16,413	16,413	0

Streets and their DPIDs	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,864,399	12,878,930	12,893,358	12,917,588	24,230
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	762,342	761,638	761,179	761,818	639
Lot number addresses	73,547	73,468	73,418	73,282	-136
Primary point addresses	9,301,589	9,308,546	9,315,195	9,328,539	13,344
Secondary point addresses	4,325,152	4,332,022	4,339,342	4,350,867	11,525
Flat and Unit addresses	3,741,473	3,746,971	3,752,767	3,762,294	9,527
Floors and Level addresses	109,791	109,974	110,111	110,306	195
Addresses with Building/Property Name	157,134	156,653	152,532	152,442	-90

Major Street Types	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,575	134,662	134,734	134,930	196
RD (Road)	132,481	132,529	132,573	132,664	91
CT (Court)	47,394	47,410	47,431	47,472	41
AVE (Avenue)	31,937	31,959	31,978	31,996	18
PL (Place)	31,488	31,504	31,521	31,542	21
DR (Drive)	24,248	24,262	24,283	24,312	29
CL (Close)	17,295	17,307	17,320	17,333	13
CRES (Crescent)	15,158	15,170	15,184	15,208	24
No Street Type (Blank)	2,507	2,509	2,508	2,507	-1
Other Street Types	69,221	69,324	69,418	69,593	175
Total	506,304	506,636	506,950	507,557	607

Address of Major Street Types	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,068,336	5,072,366	5,076,900	5,084,905	8,005
RD (Road)	2,902,317	2,905,320	2,907,428	2,911,841	4,413
CT (Court)	594,584	594,900	595,409	596,286	877
AVE (Avenue)	1,226,432	1,227,978	1,228,992	1,230,967	1,975
PL (Place)	446,753	446,986	447,234	448,124	890
DR (Drive)	952,906	954,158	955,632	957,902	2,270
CL (Close)	228,684	228,857	229,104	229,356	252
CRES (Crescent)	529,118	529,502	530,353	531,512	1,159
No Street Type (Blank)	103,218	103,371	103,405	103,453	48
Other Street Types	1,647,940	1,650,598	1,653,498	1,658,342	4,844
Total	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,752,688	24,733

Postal Delivery Types	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,946,202	1,942,943	1,938,051	1,937,899	-152
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,275	32,275	32,276	32,276	0
Locked Bag	18,642	18,642	18,586	18,583	-3
Private Bag	9,817	9,817	9,716	9,717	1
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,814	3,800	3,792	3,790	-2
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	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	2,018,879	2,010,911	2,005,854	2,005,698	-156

Street Addresses by State	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ACT	235,215	235,238	235,290	235,551	261
NSW	4,255,532	4,258,422	4,263,237	4,269,294	6,057
NT	94,812	94,829	94,875	95,141	266
QLD	2,793,245	2,796,858	2,800,084	2,806,990	6,906
SA	980,697	981,515	982,538	984,372	1,834
TAS	332,582	332,874	333,088	333,237	149
VIC	3,602,242	3,607,068	3,610,161	3,616,347	6,186
WA	1,405,963	1,407,232	1,408,682	1,411,756	3,074
Total	13,700,288	13,714,036	13,727,955	13,752,688	24,733

PD Type Addresses by State	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	Latest Difference
ACT	36,697	36,630	36,630	36,630	0
NSW	625,968	622,836	619,532	619,532	0
NT	45,688	45,617	45,617	45,641	24
QLD	451,382	450,537	450,580	450,801	221
SA	177,748	177,396	177,333	177,460	127
TAS	53,361	52,926	52,857	52,857	0
VIC	416,442	413,929	412,263	411,764	-499
WA	211,593	211,040	211,042	211,013	-29
Total	2,018,879	2,010,911	2,005,854	2,005,698	-156

Incremental Changes File	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2

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Incremental Changes File	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	2,748	12,713	9,369	4,000
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	744	694	695	805
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	1,863	409	450	505
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	4,431	4,223	8,598	4,081
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,314	1,356	1,305	1,888
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	94	52	34	98

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3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,717,214	15,731,261	15,743,165	15,762,383	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,742	6,314	9,356	3,997	0.03 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,714,472	15,724,947	15,733,809	15,758,386	99.97 %
o Insert	15,662	16,789	18,218	28,574	0.18 %
o Modify	65,548	33,784	35,650	42,418	0.27 %
o No change	15,633,262	15,674,374	15,679,941	15,687,394	99.52 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,738,054	12,755,036	12,773,220	12,798,516	81.20 %
Non Delivery	2,976,418	2,969,911	2,960,589	2,959,870	18.78 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,325,428	9,332,383	9,340,528	9,351,330	59.33 %
Residential Only	14,238,673	14,250,301	14,259,564	14,285,002	90.63 %
Non Residential Only	1,435,472	1,434,363	1,433,973	1,433,200	9.09 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,327	40,283	40,272	40,184	0.25 %

Suppression Packages

	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,069,512	7,071,427	7,074,636	7,079,850	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	2,326	2,002	3,015	962	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,067,186	7,069,425	7,071,621	7,078,888	99.99%
o Insert	5,149	4,241	5,211	8,229	0.12%
o Modify	8,999	6,714	8,067	14,040	0.20%
o No change	7,053,038	7,058,470	7,058,343	7,056,619	99.68%

	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	171,337	171,941	172,718	173,973	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	21	37	49	26	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	171,316	171,904	172,669	173,947	99.99%
o Insert	715	625	814	1,304	0.75%
o Modify	64	47	75	110	0.06%
o No change	170,537	171,232	171,780	172,533	99.19%

Geocoded PAF

	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,101,589	1,101,509	1,101,433	1,101,179	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	83	84	333	262	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,101,506	1,101,425	1,101,100	1,100,917	99.98 %
o Insert	3	3	8	79	0.01 %
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	1,101,503	1,101,422	1,101,092	1,100,838	99.97 %

	2026.1	2026.11	2026.12	2026.2	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,084,147	13,082,863	13,080,433	13,481,803	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,363	2,531	2,447	2,903	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,082,784	13,080,332	13,077,986	13,478,900	99.98 %
o Insert	14,216	79	101	403,817	3.00 %
o Modify	6,068	0	0	10,841,178	80.41 %
o No Change	13,062,500	13,080,253	13,077,885	2,233,905	16.57 %

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.