



# PAF NEWS 2026.3

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# 1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2026.3. 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

### GEOPAF Centroid

A refresh of the data in the GEOPAF Feature Centroid file is currently being worked on to increase the accuracy of the geocoordinates provided in the file. There will be no change to the format of the file only a larger update of the coordinates. We will continue to do regular updates and maintenance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [apdata.help@auspost.com.au](mailto: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
978A FINNISS-CLAYTON RD CLAYTON BAY SA 5256
VLLA 29/4 RIVER SPRINGS DR AVOCA QLD 4670
SHOP 1/59504 BRUCE HWY TULLY QLD 4854
124B HOLBECK ST DOUBLEVIEW WA 6018
33A OSBORN TCE PLYMPTON SA 5038

## 2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,758,386	15,769,191	15,782,204	15,795,284	13,080
• Street DPIDs	13,752,688	13,764,346	13,777,297	13,789,354	12,057
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,005,698	2,004,845	2,004,907	2,005,930	1,023
Postcode	2,927	2,927	2,927	2,941	14
Locality	16,413	16,413	16,415	16,431	16
Synonym	5,148	5,155	5,156	5,166	10
Bordering Locality	84,862	84,861	84,865	84,877	12
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	517,085	517,341	517,720	518,054	334
Street Alternate	3,523	3,532	3,536	3,543	7
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	714	714	714	718	4
NT	52	52	52	52	0
QLD	447	447	447	450	3
SA	348	348	348	348	0
TAS	120	120	120	120	0
VIC	732	732	732	737	5
WA	483	483	483	485	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>14</b>

Locality by State	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ACT	146	146	147	147	0
NSW	4,793	4,793	4,793	4,798	5
NT	343	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,394	3,394	3,395	3,398	3
SA	1,949	1,949	1,949	1,949	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,169	3,169	3,169	3,175	6
WA	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,839	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,413</b>	<b>16,413</b>	<b>16,415</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>16</b>

Streets and their DPIDs	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,917,588	12,929,211	12,942,185	12,954,147	11,962
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	761,818	761,930	761,960	762,042	82
Lot number addresses	73,282	73,205	73,152	73,165	13
Primary point addresses	9,328,539	9,334,515	9,342,188	9,347,961	5,773
Secondary point addresses	4,350,867	4,356,626	4,361,957	4,368,228	6,271
Flat and Unit addresses	3,762,294	3,766,688	3,770,829	3,775,895	5,066
Floors and Level addresses	110,306	110,360	110,642	110,832	190
Addresses with Building/Property Name	152,442	151,809	151,599	145,173	-6,426

Major Street Types	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,930	134,993	135,082	135,174	92
RD (Road)	132,664	132,712	132,819	132,865	46
CT (Court)	47,472	47,485	47,514	47,521	7
AVE (Avenue)	31,996	32,011	32,028	32,051	23
PL (Place)	31,542	31,556	31,570	31,587	17
DR (Drive)	24,312	24,335	24,349	24,363	14
CL (Close)	17,333	17,343	17,349	17,365	16
CRES (Crescent)	15,208	15,220	15,225	15,234	9
No Street Type (Blank)	2,507	2,507	2,508	2,511	3
Other Street Types	69,593	69,670	69,768	69,866	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>507,557</b>	<b>507,832</b>	<b>508,212</b>	<b>508,537</b>	<b>325</b>

Address of Major Street Types	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,084,905	5,088,634	5,092,570	5,096,265	3,695
RD (Road)	2,911,841	2,914,110	2,916,469	2,918,300	1,831
CT (Court)	596,286	596,663	597,237	597,488	251
AVE (Avenue)	1,230,967	1,231,929	1,232,848	1,233,956	1,108
PL (Place)	448,124	448,398	448,609	449,214	605
DR (Drive)	957,902	959,030	960,051	960,811	760
CL (Close)	229,356	229,515	229,666	230,033	367
CRES (Crescent)	531,512	531,975	532,367	532,954	587
No Street Type (Blank)	103,453	103,517	103,607	103,690	83
Other Street Types	1,658,342	1,660,575	1,663,873	1,666,643	2,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,752,688</b>	<b>13,764,346</b>	<b>13,777,297</b>	<b>13,789,354</b>	<b>12,057</b>

Postal Delivery Types	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,937,899	1,937,066	1,937,128	1,938,176	1,048
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,276	32,276	32,276	32,276	0
Locked Bag	18,583	18,579	18,579	18,559	-20
Private Bag	9,717	9,715	9,715	9,715	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,790	3,776	3,776	3,771	-5
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)	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,005,698</b>	<b>2,004,845</b>	<b>2,004,907</b>	<b>2,005,930</b>	<b>1,023</b>

Street Addresses by State	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ACT	235,551	235,567	236,063	236,780	717
NSW	4,269,294	4,272,311	4,275,277	4,278,885	3,608
NT	95,141	95,174	95,166	95,171	5
QLD	2,806,990	2,809,136	2,812,364	2,815,253	2,889
SA	984,372	985,147	986,218	987,501	1,283
TAS	333,237	333,435	333,661	333,769	108
VIC	3,616,347	3,619,983	3,623,285	3,625,194	1,909
WA	1,411,756	1,413,593	1,415,263	1,416,801	1,538
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,752,688</b>	<b>13,764,346</b>	<b>13,777,297</b>	<b>13,789,354</b>	<b>12,057</b>

PD Type Addresses by State	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	Latest Difference
ACT	36,630	36,630	36,630	36,630	0
NSW	619,532	618,551	618,565	618,382	-183
NT	45,641	45,941	45,941	45,941	0
QLD	450,801	450,829	450,790	451,099	309
SA	177,460	177,696	177,696	177,696	0
TAS	52,857	53,039	53,039	53,039	0
VIC	411,764	411,147	411,234	411,899	665
WA	211,013	211,012	211,012	211,244	232
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,005,698</b>	<b>2,004,845</b>	<b>2,004,907</b>	<b>2,005,930</b>	<b>1,023</b>

Incremental Changes File	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	4,000	3,759	1,719	3,751
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	805	519	551	559
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	505	365	336	366
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	4,081	8,174	1,785	10,284
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,888	1,104	1,026	1,151
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	98	446	91	99

# 3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,762,383	15,772,931	15,783,917	15,799,032	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,997	3,740	1,713	3,748	0.02 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,758,386	15,769,191	15,782,204	15,795,284	99.98 %
o Insert	28,574	14,545	14,726	16,828	0.11 %
o Modify	42,418	36,171	36,558	45,976	0.29 %
o No change	15,687,394	15,718,475	15,730,920	15,732,480	99.58 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,798,516	12,821,492	12,835,763	12,835,415	81.24 %
Non Delivery	2,959,870	2,947,699	2,946,441	2,959,869	18.73 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,351,330	9,364,079	9,375,391	9,376,939	59.35 %
Residential Only	14,285,002	14,295,635	14,308,767	14,323,028	90.66 %
Non Residential Only	1,433,200	1,432,961	1,432,828	1,431,845	9.06 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,184	40,595	40,609	40,411	0.26 %

## Suppression Packages

	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,079,850	7,082,456	7,084,583	7,088,847	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	962	1,311	575	678	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,078,888	7,081,145	7,084,008	7,088,169	99.99%
o Insert	8,229	3,568	3,438	4,839	0.07%
o Modify	14,040	6,323	5,774	7,684	0.11%
o No change	7,056,619	7,071,254	7,074,796	7,075,646	99.82%

	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	173,973	174,562	175,126	175,862	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	26	19	9	16	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	173,947	174,543	175,117	175,846	99.99%
o Insert	1,304	615	583	745	0.42%
o Modify	110	56	59	66	0.04%
o No change	172,533	173,872	174,475	175,035	99.54%

Geocoded PAF

	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	% of Records
<b>Letterbox – Feature File</b>	1,101,179	1,100,918	1,100,696	1,100,463	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	262	227	234	64	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,100,917	1,100,691	1,100,462	1,100,399	99.99 %
o Insert	79	1	5	1	0.00 %
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	1,100,838	1,100,690	1,100,457	1,100,398	99.99 %

	2026.2	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	% of Records
<b>Centroid – Feature File</b>	13,481,803	13,690,737	13,689,040	13,687,470	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	2,903	1,875	1,597	2,998	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,478,900	13,688,862	13,687,443	13,684,472	99.98 %
o Insert	403,817	211,837	178	27	0.00 %
o Modify	10,841,178	1,963,496	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	2,233,905	11,513,529	13,687,265	13,684,445	99.98 %

# 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.