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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2026.31. 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.

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
U 18 G 21-25 WENTWORTH ST PORT KEMBLA NSW 2505
U 6/42 PINEAPPLE DR HIDDEN VALLEY QLD 4703
27B BOUCAUT CRES HAYBOROUGH SA 5211
FY 5/4 PEACOCK RD TYABB VIC 3913
U 1 LG 39 BROADWAY PUNCHBOWL NSW 2196

2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,769,191	15,782,204	15,795,284	15,811,882	16,598
• Street DPIDs	13,764,346	13,777,297	13,789,354	13,806,578	17,224
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,004,845	2,004,907	2,005,930	2,005,304	-626
Postcode	2,927	2,927	2,941	2,941	0
Locality	16,413	16,415	16,431	16,430	-1
Synonym	5,155	5,156	5,166	5,163	-3
Bordering Locality	84,861	84,865	84,877	84,877	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	517,341	517,720	518,054	518,541	487
Street Alternate	3,532	3,536	3,543	3,556	13
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	714	714	718	718	0
NT	52	52	52	52	0
QLD	447	447	450	450	0
SA	348	348	348	349	1
TAS	120	120	120	120	0
VIC	732	732	737	737	0
WA	483	483	485	484	-1
Total	2,927	2,927	2,941	2,941	0

Locality by State	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ACT	146	147	147	147	0
NSW	4,793	4,793	4,798	4,798	0
NT	343	343	343	343	0
QLD	3,394	3,395	3,398	3,398	0
SA	1,949	1,949	1,949	1,950	1
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,169	3,169	3,175	3,175	0
WA	1,837	1,837	1,839	1,837	-2
Total	16,413	16,415	16,431	16,430	-1

Streets and their DPIDs	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,929,211	12,942,185	12,954,147	12,970,624	16,477
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	761,930	761,960	762,042	762,790	748
Lot number addresses	73,205	73,152	73,165	73,164	-1
Primary point addresses	9,334,515	9,342,188	9,347,961	9,357,443	9,482
Secondary point addresses	4,356,626	4,361,957	4,368,228	4,375,971	7,743
Flat and Unit addresses	3,766,688	3,770,829	3,775,895	3,781,977	6,082
Floors and Level addresses	110,360	110,642	110,832	110,931	99
Addresses with Building/Property Name	151,809	151,599	145,173	141,716	-3,457

Major Street Types	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,993	135,082	135,174	135,292	118
RD (Road)	132,712	132,819	132,865	132,991	126
CT (Court)	47,485	47,514	47,521	47,538	17
AVE (Avenue)	32,011	32,028	32,051	32,071	20
PL (Place)	31,556	31,570	31,587	31,606	19
DR (Drive)	24,335	24,349	24,363	24,385	22
CL (Close)	17,343	17,349	17,365	17,381	16
CRES (Crescent)	15,220	15,225	15,234	15,249	15
No Street Type (Blank)	2,507	2,508	2,511	2,511	0
Other Street Types	69,670	69,768	69,866	70,010	144
Total	507,832	508,212	508,537	509,034	497

Address of Major Street Types	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,088,634	5,092,570	5,096,265	5,102,082	5,817
RD (Road)	2,914,110	2,916,469	2,918,300	2,921,678	3,378
CT (Court)	596,663	597,237	597,488	597,854	366
AVE (Avenue)	1,231,929	1,232,848	1,233,956	1,235,336	1,380
PL (Place)	448,398	448,609	449,214	449,754	540
DR (Drive)	959,030	960,051	960,811	961,976	1,165
CL (Close)	229,515	229,666	230,033	230,281	248
CRES (Crescent)	531,975	532,367	532,954	533,817	863
No Street Type (Blank)	103,517	103,607	103,690	103,676	-14
Other Street Types	1,660,575	1,663,873	1,666,643	1,670,124	3,481
Total	13,764,346	13,777,297	13,789,354	13,806,578	17,224

Postal Delivery Types	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,937,066	1,937,128	1,938,176	1,937,561	-615
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,276	32,276	32,276	32,276	0
Locked Bag	18,579	18,579	18,559	18,557	-2
Private Bag	9,715	9,715	9,715	9,710	-5
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,776	3,776	3,771	3,767	-4
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
Total	2,004,845	2,004,907	2,005,930	2,005,304	-626

Street Addresses by State	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ACT	235,567	236,063	236,780	237,091	311
NSW	4,272,311	4,275,277	4,278,885	4,283,809	4,924
NT	95,174	95,166	95,171	95,242	71
QLD	2,809,136	2,812,364	2,815,253	2,819,865	4,612
SA	985,147	986,218	987,501	988,460	959
TAS	333,435	333,661	333,769	334,118	349
VIC	3,619,983	3,623,285	3,625,194	3,629,242	4,048
WA	1,413,593	1,415,263	1,416,801	1,418,751	1,950
Total	13,764,346	13,777,297	13,789,354	13,806,578	17,224

PD Type Addresses by State	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	Latest Difference
ACT	36,630	36,630	36,630	36,630	0
NSW	618,551	618,565	618,382	618,338	-44
NT	45,941	45,941	45,941	45,941	0
QLD	450,829	450,790	451,099	451,110	11
SA	177,696	177,696	177,696	177,744	48
TAS	53,039	53,039	53,039	52,837	-202
VIC	411,147	411,234	411,899	411,929	30
WA	211,012	211,012	211,244	210,775	-469
Total	2,004,845	2,004,907	2,005,930	2,005,304	-626

Incremental Changes File	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,759	1,719	3,751	2,104
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	519	551	559	874
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	365	336	366	525
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	8,174	1,785	10,284	7,897
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,104	1,026	1,151	1,177
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	446	91	99	69

3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,772,931	15,783,917	15,799,032	15,813,981	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,740	1,713	3,748	2,099	0.01 %
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,769,191	15,782,204	15,795,284	15,811,882	99.99 %
o Insert	14,545	14,726	16,828	18,697	0.12 %
o Modify	36,171	36,558	45,976	127,524	0.81 %
o No change	15,718,475	15,730,920	15,732,480	15,665,661	99.06 %
Receive Mail Delivery	12,821,492	12,835,763	12,835,415	12,767,161	80.73 %
Non Delivery	2,947,699	2,946,441	2,959,869	3,044,721	19.25 %
Accept Advertising mail	9,364,079	9,375,391	9,376,939	9,358,108	59.18 %
Residential Only	14,295,635	14,308,767	14,323,028	14,339,344	90.68 %
Non Residential Only	1,432,961	1,432,828	1,431,845	1,432,194	9.06 %
Both Residential & Non Residential	40,595	40,609	40,411	40,344	0.26 %

Suppression Packages

	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,082,456	7,084,583	7,088,847	7,093,960	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	1,311	575	678	674	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,081,145	7,084,008	7,088,169	7,093,286	99.99%
o Insert	3,568	3,438	4,839	5,791	0.08%
o Modify	6,323	5,774	7,684	10,055	0.14%
o No change	7,071,254	7,074,796	7,075,646	7,077,440	99.78%

	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	174,562	175,126	175,862	176,923	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	19	9	16	18	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	174,543	175,117	175,846	176,905	99.99%
o Insert	615	583	745	1,077	0.61%
o Modify	56	59	66	77	0.04%
o No change	173,872	174,475	175,035	175,751	99.35%

Geocoded PAF

	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,100,918	1,100,696	1,100,463	1,100,399	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	227	234	64	132	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,100,691	1,100,462	1,100,399	1,100,267	99.99 %
o Insert	1	5	1	0	0.00 %
o Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	1,100,690	1,100,457	1,100,398	1,100,267	99.99 %

	2026.21	2026.22	2026.3	2026.31	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,690,737	13,689,040	13,687,470	13,684,757	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,875	1,597	2,998	1,200	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,688,862	13,687,443	13,684,472	13,683,557	99.99 %
o Insert	211,837	178	27	285	0.00 %
o Modify	1,963,496	0	0	0	0.00 %
o No Change	11,513,529	13,687,265	13,684,445	13,683,272	99.99 %

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.