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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2025.41. 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
1-3 QUINDUS ST BEENLEIGH QLD 4207
17-19 FLORENCE ST PORT PIRIE SA 5540
SHOP 38/2-30 LAKESIDE DR IDALIA QLD 4811
U 10/3-5 NEW CANTERBURY RD PETERSHAM NSW 2049
30-32 GOVERNMENT RD SPALDING SA 5454

2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,658,278	15,673,337	15,688,845	15,701,552	12,707
• Street DPIDs	13,643,589	13,658,523	13,673,085	13,686,486	13,401
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,014,689	2,014,814	2,015,760	2,015,066	-694
Postcode	2,929	2,929	2,929	2,928	-1
Locality	16,416	16,418	16,417	16,412	-5
Synonym	5,280	5,360	5,357	5,469	112
Bordering Locality	84,843	84,843	84,844	84,844	0
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	514,549	514,930	515,269	515,568	299
Street Alternate	3,493	3,500	3,504	3,507	3
Code	641	641	641	641	0

Postcode by State	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ACT	31	31	31	31	0
NSW	716	716	716	715	-1
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	2,929	2,929	2,929	2,928	-1

Locality by State	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ACT	144	144	145	146	1
NSW	4,797	4,797	4,795	4,794	-1
NT	342	342	342	342	0
QLD	3,398	3,398	3,398	3,395	-3
SA	1,946	1,948	1,948	1,946	0
TAS	782	782	782	782	0
VIC	3,170	3,170	3,170	3,170	0
WA	1,837	1,837	1,837	1,837	0
Total	16,416	16,418	16,417	16,412	-5

Streets and their DPIDs	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,809,934	12,824,736	12,838,362	12,850,993	12,631
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	759,984	760,122	761,117	761,9378	821
Lot number addresses	73,671	73,665	73,606	73,555	-51
Primary point addresses	9,271,299	9,280,054	9,287,347	9,294,547	7,200
Secondary point addresses	4,298,619	4,304,804	4,312,132	4,318,384	6,252
Flat and Unit addresses	3,720,351	3,725,172	3,731,087	3,735,885	4,798
Floors and Level addresses	109,359	109,437	109,562	109,691	129
Addresses with Building/Property Name	172,318	164,509	158,978	158,400	-578

Major Street Types	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	134,216	134,341	134,429	134,506	77
RD (Road)	132,248	132,310	132,380	132,424	44
CT (Court)	47,297	47,313	47,336	47,359	23
AVE (Avenue)	31,877	31,896	31,913	31,925	12
PL (Place)	31,418	31,440	31,453	31,468	15
DR (Drive)	24,150	24,183	24,203	24,222	19
CL (Close)	17,250	17,264	17,270	17,283	13
CRES (Crescent)	15,106	15,118	15,132	15,143	11
No Street Type (Blank)	2,501	2,501	2,503	2,504	1
Other Street Types	68,846	68,930	69,034	69,135	101
Total	504,909	505,296	505,653	505,969	316

Address of Major Street Types	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,049,197	5,054,731	5,059,609	5,063,970	4,361
RD (Road)	2,893,027	2,895,591	2,897,834	2,900,085	2,251
CT (Court)	593,126	593,397	593,727	594,091	364
AVE (Avenue)	1,222,809	1,223,774	1,224,697	1,225,453	756
PL (Place)	445,300	445,630	445,904	446,148	244
DR (Drive)	946,716	948,191	949,879	951,335	1,456
CL (Close)	227,934	228,158	228,436	228,558	122
CRES (Crescent)	526,832	527,421	528,233	528,620	387
No Street Type (Blank)	102,898	103,007	103,065	103,181	116
Other Street Types	1,635,750	1,638,623	1,641,701	1,645,045	3,344
Total	13,643,589	13,658,523	13,673,085	13,686,486	13,401

Postal Delivery Types	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,946,658	1,946,789	1,947,751	1,947,080	-671
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,275	32,275	32,275	32,275	0
Locked Bag	18,649	18,648	18,647	18,639	-8
Private Bag	9,815	9,816	9,816	9,816	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,855	3,850	3,837	3,822	-15
RMB (Roadside Mail Bag/Box)	1,247	1,247	1,247	1,247	0
RSD (Roadside Delivery)	1,002	1,002	1,000	1,000	0
MS (Mail Service)	628	627	627	627	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	2,014,689	2,014,814	2,015,760	2,015,066	-694

Street Addresses by State	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ACT	233,974	234,702	234,724	234,981	257
NSW	4,239,822	4,243,989	4,248,939	4,251,867	2,928
NT	94,710	94,764	94,811	94,802	-9
QLD	2,778,968	2,782,575	2,786,136	2,788,842	2,706
SA	976,728	978,008	978,864	979,689	825
TAS	331,368	331,817	331,958	332,385	427
VIC	3,589,740	3,592,036	3,595,179	3,598,932	3,753
WA	1,398,279	1,400,632	1,402,474	1,404,988	2,514
Total	13,643,589	13,658,523	13,673,085	13,686,486	13,401

PD Type Addresses by State	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	Latest Difference
ACT	36,631	36,631	36,631	36,630	-1
NSW	623,859	623,983	625,077	624,910	-167
NT	45,881	45,594	45,594	45,594	0
QLD	451,486	451,525	451,543	450,721	-822
SA	177,169	177,133	177,325	177,512	187
TAS	53,045	53,072	53,072	53,072	0
VIC	415,441	415,531	415,530	415,546	16
WA	211,177	211,345	210,988	211,081	93
Total	2,014,689	2,014,814	2,015,760	2,015,066	-694

Incremental Changes File	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,716	1,933	3,611	3,596
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	436	744	759	746
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	265	446	417	417
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	6,299	12,662	10,597	6,830
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	857	1,266	1,266	1,323
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	32	74	50	42

3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,661,991	15,675,266	15,692,442	15,705,143	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,713	1,929	3,597	3,591	0.02%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,658,278	15,673,337	15,688,845	15,701,552	99.98%
o Insert	12,928	16,988	19,105	16,291	0.10%
o Modify	119,162	49,100	46,495	56,798	0.36%
o No change	15,526,188	15,607,249	15,623,245	15,628,463	99.54%
Receive Mail Delivery	12,640,136	12,668,912	12,692,794	12,719,488	81.01%
Non Delivery	3,018,142	3,004,425	2,996,051	2,982,064	18.99%
Accept Advertising mail	9,271,831	9,287,689	9,297,330	9,315,730	59.33%
Residential Only	14,211,544	14,226,004	14,240,740	14,247,463	90.74%
Non Residential Only	1,408,552	1,409,210	1,409,897	1,413,321	9.00%
Both Residential & Non Residential	38,182	38,123	38,208	40,768	0.26%

Suppression Packages

	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	7,052,303	7,060,280	7,062,165	7,065,559	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	1,634	2,748	1,216	1,196	0.02%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	7,050,669	7,057,532	7,060,949	7,064,363	99.98%
o Insert	11,350	9,611	4,633	4,610	0.07%
o Modify	19,518	19,496	7,107	8,313	0.12%
o No change	7,019,801	7,028,425	7,049,209	7,051,440	99.81%

	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	168,250	169,103	169,785	170,642	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	19	10	28	20	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	168,231	169,093	169,757	170,622	99.99%
o Insert	598	872	692	885	0.52%
o Modify	52	72	64	65	0.04%
o No change	167,581	168,149	169,001	169,672	99.44%

Geocoded PAF

	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,102,065	1,101,936	1,101,848	1,101,706	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	134	115	193	120	0.01 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,101,931	1,101,821	1,101,655	1,101,586	99.99 %
○ Insert	0	5	27	51	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,101,931	1,101,816	1,101,628	1,101,535	100.00 %

	2025.31	2025.32	2025.4	2025.41	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	13,029,735	13,028,938	13,059,200	13,072,361	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	895	1,336	1,930	2,430	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	13,028,840	13,027,602	13,057,270	13,069,931	99.98 %
○ Insert	9,594	98	31,598	15,090	0.12 %
○ Modify	5,418	0	19,502	8,041	0.06 %
○ No Change	13,013,828	13,027,504	13,006,170	13,046,800	99.82 %

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.