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1 Introduction

Welcome to the PAF News for release 2025.2. 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 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 HUGHES RD CHIRNSIDE PARK VIC 3116
79-83 BURTON RD PARALOWIE SA 5108
U 18/1-3 JOHN ST KOGARAH BAY NSW 2217
SHOP 2/30-34 VICTOR HARBOR RD MOUNT COMPASS SA 5210
87-95 HASTIE ST TATURA VIC 3616

2 PAF Crunching

PAF Snapshot	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
Points (DPIDs)	15,554,135	15,569,161	15,587,291	15,609,127	21,836
• Street DPIDs	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	13,587,850	23,472
• Postal Delivery type DPIDs	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	2,021,277	-1,636
Postcode	2,933	2,933	2,933	2,932	-1
Locality	16,426	16,426	16,423	16,420	-3
Synonym	5,832	5,829	5,830	5,565	-265
Bordering Locality	84,747	84,799	84,799	84,833	34
Delivery Point Group (i.e. Thoroughfare and Postal Delivery Types)	511,703	512,117	512,616	513,149	533
Street Alternate	3,440	3,452	3,466	3,473	7
Code	641	641	641	642	1

Postcode by State	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	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	484	-1
Total	2,933	2,933	2,933	2,932	-1

Locality by State	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
ACT	145	145	145	145	0
NSW	4,801	4,801	4,801	4,800	-1
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	3,170	-1
WA	1,841	1,841	1,838	1,837	-1
Total	16,426	16,426	16,423	16,420	-3

Streets and their DPIDs	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
Standard addresses, e.g. 10 Smith Street?	12,697,771	12,713,328	12,731,254	12,754,550	23,296
Ranged addresses, e.g. 10-12 Smith Street?	758,860	758,582	758,956	759,300	344
Lot number addresses	74,540	74,332	74,168	74,000	-168
Primary point addresses	9,207,347	9,216,452	9,227,366	9,238,978	11,612
Secondary point addresses	4,249,284	4,255,458	4,262,844	4,274,872	12,028
Flat and Unit addresses	3,681,058	3,685,990	3,691,875	3,701,893	10,018
Floors and Level addresses	108,557	108,796	108,670	108,829	159
Addresses with Building/Property Name	178,235	177,767	177,952	177,982	30

Major Street Types	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	133,522	133,640	133,731	133,858	127
RD (Road)	131,737	131,821	131,910	132,004	94
CT (Court)	47,134	47,158	47,196	47,228	32
AVE (Avenue)	31,747	31,771	31,787	31,813	26
PL (Place)	31,276	31,295	31,319	31,348	29
DR (Drive)	23,978	24,004	24,034	24,071	37
CL (Close)	17,150	17,160	17,179	17,203	24
CRES (Crescent)	15,003	15,018	15,032	15,048	16
No Street Type (Blank)	2,496	2,497	2,499	2,499	0
Other Street Types	67,940	68,041	68,223	68,384	161
Total	501,983	502,405	502,910	503,456	546

Address of Major Street Types	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
ST (Street)	5,014,780	5,019,519	5,024,924	5,032,529	7,605
RD (Road)	2,871,386	2,874,437	2,878,404	2,882,762	4,358
CT (Court)	590,819	591,022	591,588	591,982	394
AVE (Avenue)	1,213,199	1,214,338	1,215,691	1,217,588	1,897
PL (Place)	442,380	442,955	443,431	444,023	592
DR (Drive)	936,780	937,941	939,282	941,488	2,206
CL (Close)	226,604	226,731	227,015	227,273	258
CRES (Crescent)	522,269	522,856	523,434	524,303	869
No Street Type (Blank)	102,598	102,635	102,664	102,718	54
Other Street Types	1,610,356	1,613,808	1,617,945	1,623,184	5,239
Total	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	13,587,850	23,472

Postal Delivery Types	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
PO Box (Post Office Box)	1,954,711	1,954,671	1,954,688	1,953,060	-1,628
GPO Box (General Post Office Box)	32,391	32,391	32,373	32,373	0
Locked Bag	18,708	18,709	18,709	18,709	0
Private Bag	9,816	9,816	9,816	9,816	0
CARE PO (Care Post Office)	3,902	3,896	3,891	3,883	-8
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	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	2,021,277	-1,636

Street Addresses by State	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
ACT	232,003	232,156	232,380	232,553	173
NSW	4,209,842	4,214,467	4,218,646	4,225,049	6,403
NT	94,733	94,718	94,731	94,790	59
QLD	2,757,283	2,758,885	2,762,441	2,767,780	5,339
SA	969,318	970,562	971,926	973,153	1,227
TAS	329,296	329,472	329,670	330,423	753
VIC	3,554,843	3,560,348	3,566,472	3,573,246	6,774
WA	1,383,853	1,385,634	1,388,112	1,390,856	2,744
Total	13,531,171	13,546,242	13,564,378	13,587,850	23,472

PD Type Addresses by State	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	Latest Difference
ACT	37,272	37,272	37,272	37,123	-149
NSW	628,478	628,158	628,138	628,101	-37
NT	46,339	46,339	46,340	46,339	-1
QLD	451,862	451,862	451,862	451,862	0
SA	176,982	176,989	176,991	176,906	-85
TAS	53,029	53,031	53,031	53,034	3
VIC	416,289	416,555	416,569	415,786	-783
WA	212,713	212,713	212,710	212,126	-584
Total	2,022,964	2,022,919	2,022,913	2,021,277	-1,636

Incremental Changes File	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2
D - Address no longer contained in new PAF	3,269	2,336	2,032	4,788
G - Group DID where new Points added to Group	570	574	807	835
L - Locality DID where new Points or Groups added to Locality	349	345	568	534
M - Address changed since previous version of PAF	3,942	2,970	5,015	2,976
P - Primary Point DPID with new or modified Secondary Points	1,440	1,132	1,298	1,705
S - New Street added with a similar name to the PAF	36	33	72	70

3 PAF Data Packages

Permission and Delivery Package	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	% of Records
Permission and Delivery File	15,557,386	15,571,491	15,589,312	15,613,907	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	3,251	2,330	2,021	4,780	0.03%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	15,554,135	15,569,161	15,587,291	15,609,127	99.97%
o Insert	18,362	17,356	20,151	26,616	0.17%
o Modify	48,882	38,554	39,245	56,812	0.36%
o No change	15,486,891	15,513,251	15,527,895	15,525,699	99.47%
Receive Mail Delivery	12,593,673	12,615,045	12,639,140	12,677,174	81.22%
Non Delivery	2,960,462	2,954,116	2,948,151	2,931,953	18.78%
Accept Advertising mail	9,231,887	9,242,113	9,256,990	9,280,230	59.45%
Residential Only	14,105,957	14,121,114	14,138,648	14,161,238	90.72%
Non Residential Only	1,409,165	1,409,254	1,409,808	1,409,157	9.03%
Both Residential & Non Residential	39,013	38,793	38,835	38,732	0.25%

Suppression Packages

	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	% of Records
Moved Suppression File	6,975,044	6,982,678	6,992,371	7,013,617	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	4,765	696	1,656	1,337	0.02%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	6,970,279	6,981,982	6,990,715	7,012,280	99.98%
o Insert	13,237	12,399	10,389	22,902	0.33%
o Modify	26,989	23,952	21,208	44,479	0.63%
o No change	6,930,053	6,945,631	6,959,118	6,944,899	99.04%

	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	% of Records
Deceased Suppression File	162,632	163,489	164,222	165,632	
• Inactive addresses (Delete)	18	12	10	23	0.01%
• Active addresses (Insert, Modify, No Change)	162,614	163,477	164,212	165,609	99.99%
o Insert	960	875	745	1,420	0.86%
o Modify	80	58	62	135	0.08%
o No change	161,574	162,544	163,405	164,054	99.06%

Geocoded PAF

	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	% of Records
Letterbox – Feature File	1,103,210	1,103,036	1,102,868	1,102,758	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	179	170	114	349	0.03 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	1,103,031	1,102,866	1,102,754	1,102,409	99.97 %
○ Insert	1	5	2	4	0.00 %
○ Modify	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	1,103,030	1,102,861	1,102,752	1,102,405	100.00 %

	2025.1	2025.11	2025.12	2025.2	% of Records
Centroid – Feature File	12,981,733	12,979,989	12,996,304	13,001,946	%
• Inactive addresses(Delete)	1,843	1,905	1,765	2,765	0.02 %
• Active addresses(Insert, Modify, No Change)	12,979,890	12,978,084	12,994,539	12,999,181	99.98 %
○ Insert	115	99	18,220	7,407	0.06 %
○ Modify	20,382	0	1,827	0	0.00 %
○ No Change	12,959,393	12,977,985	12,974,492	12,991,774	99.94 %

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.