

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 02 July 2021¹

Cashless Debit Card region	Income Support Payment											Total Participants	Per cent Indigenous	
	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	Austudy	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension	JobSeeker Payment	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Partner Allowance	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Youth Allowance			Other Payments ⁴
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	43	172	608	49	136	0	0	0	75	0	1,088	75%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	72	351	964	77	316	0	<5	0	129	<5	1,916	82%
Goldfields region WA	7	13	184	609	2,177	126	751	0	<5	0	258	<5	4,129	47%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	3,296	547	2,046	0	0	0	1,512	0	7,401	18%
Cape York region QLD ²	0	0	n.p.	16	73	7	12	0	0	0	<5	19	135	96%
Northern Territory ³	0	0	<5	<5	70	9	12	0	0	0	<5	0	97	63%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 02 July 2021

Community panels, or community bodies authorised under section 124PE of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* (the Act), operate in the Ceduna SA region and the East Kimberley WA region, with the East Kimberley region having two community panels operating in Kununurra and Wyndham. The number of applications and the number of decisions may not be the same as sometimes people withdraw their application, or a decision may not have been made on an application at the time of extracting the data.

Community Panel (Body) decisions	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	191	148	56%	43	67%
East Kimberley region WA	52	15	n.p.	37	70%

Table 3. When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 02 July 2021

If being a CDC program participant would pose a serious risk to a person's mental, physical or emotional wellbeing, the Secretary of the Department of Social Services (or delegate) can exempt the person from participating in the program. The Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) considers when participants in Cape York region commence and cease to participate in the CDC Program. As such, information on Wellbeing exemptions in the Cape York region is not presented in this table.

Well-Being Exemptions	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	45	33	18%	12	50%
East Kimberley region WA	53	35	57%	18	50%
Goldfields region WA	173	117	19%	56	21%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	70	32	19%	38	n.p.
Northern Territory	<5	0	N/A	<5	0%

Table 4. When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 02 July 2021 by Original Community Group

A person for whom it is compulsory to be on the CDC can apply to exit the program. They may be granted an exit if they can demonstrate reasonable and responsible management of their affairs, including financial affairs. The FRC considers when participants in the Cape York region commence and cease to participate in the CDC Program. As such, information on Exits in the Cape York region is not presented in this table.

Exits	Applications	Approved		Not Approved		Withdrawn ⁶	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	147	31	29%	52	58%	52	58%
East Kimberley region WA	222	22	41%	103	77%	81	79%
Goldfields region WA	649	153	12%	240	45%	218	38%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	1,070	236	7%	367	15%	374	15%
Northern Territory	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Not Eligible to Apply ⁵	13	0	N/A	0	N/A	13	54%

Notes

Additional information on legislation, CDC, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can be found in the CDC metadata update.

1. Table 1 only shows CDC participants actively receiving a trigger payment by location. Participants not receiving a trigger payment due to temporary or permanent cancellation, transition between payment types or having recently aged out of eligibility for their CDC region at the time of data extraction are not included in the data.
2. Participants in the Cape York region were transitioned from Income Management onto the CDC based on referral arrangements managed by the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC).
3. Income Management participants in the Northern Territory are now able to transition to the CDC if they choose to do so.
4. Individuals in the 'other payments' column are not on a category P payment and may have volunteered to be on the CDC program (section 124PH of the Act), or placed on by referral from the FRC.
5. 'Not Eligible to Apply' - These applications were submitted by individuals who are not on the CDC program, or who have volunteered and may exit at any time, or who are under referral from the FRC and therefore not eligible to exit the program in this way.
6. 'Withdrawn' also includes applications withdrawn due to participants no longer being eligible for the exit process at the time of decision, for reasons such as no longer being on the program.