

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 27 March 2020

	Income Support Payment															
Cashless Debit Card region	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	Austudy	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension	JobSeeker Payment*	Parenting Payment Partnered	Parenting Payment Single	Partner Allowance	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Wife Pension (Age)	Youth Allowance	Volunteer	Total Participants	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	47	169	498	42	116	0	<5	0	0	0	77	0	955	75%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	68	323	774	80	287	0	<5	0	0	0	97	<5	1,637	82%
Goldfields region WA	12	7	196	574	1,775	114	664	<5	7	<5	<5	0	190	<5	3,550	47%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	<5	0	0	0	2,517	n.p.	1,932	0	0	0	0	0	1,386	0	6,312	17%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 27 March 2020

Community panels (Section 124PK of the Act), or community bodies, 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	57%	39	72%
East Kimberley region WA	52	15	73%	35	71%

**Table 3. When someone is not subject to cashless welfare arrangements:
Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 27 March 2020**

If being a Cashless Debit Card 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 provide the person with an exemption from participating in the program. This is known as a well-being exemption.

Well-Being Exemptions	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	43	33	15%	7	n.p.
East Kimberley region WA	46	33	58%	13	69%
Goldfields region WA	137	99	19%	37	n.p.
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	14	8	n.p.	5	0%

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

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 27 March 2020

A person can apply to exit the program if they can demonstrate reasonable and responsible management of their affairs, including financial affairs, in accordance with the criteria set out in the legislation.

Exits	Applications	Approved		Not Approved	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA**	27	<5	100%	0	0%
East Kimberley region WA**	66	<5	100%	<5	100%
Goldfields region WA**	228	19	n.p.	<5	0%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD**	339	18	0%	<5	0%
Out of area**	247	0	0%	<5	n.p.

Notes

1. Additional information on legislation, Cashless Debit Card, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can found in Cashless Debit Card metadata update.
2. *In Table 1, JobSeeker Payment replaced Newstart Allowance on 20 March 2020 as the main working age payment for those aged 22 years to Age Pension age. Recipients who would have previously claimed Newstart Allowance, Bereavement Allowance or Sickness Allowance will now claim JobSeeker Payment.
3. **In Table 4, the program regions represent where a person has reported to be living at the time of their application. All other program regions in this document represent where a person was living when they were placed on the program.