

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card participants by original Cashless Debit Card location as at 31 January 2020

	Income Support Payment															
Cashless Debit Card region	Abstudy (Living Allowance)	Austudy	Carer Payment	Disability Support Pension	Newstart Allowance	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	45	171	498	39	111	0	<5	0	<5	0	69	0	941	75%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	70	320	740	78	284	0	0	0	<5	0	86	0	1,584	82%
Goldfields region WA	7	6	202	573	1,750	112	651	<5	6	<5	<5	<5	181	0	3,493	47%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2,430	481	1,898	0	0	0	0	0	1,322	0	6,131	17%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 31 January 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 31 January 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	18%	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 31 January 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**	21	0	0	0	0
East Kimberley region WA**	51	0	0	0	0
Goldfields region WA**	212	0	0	0	0
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD**	259	0	0	0	0
Out of area**	175	0	0	0	0

Notes

1. Additional information on legislation, Cashless Debit Card, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can found in the Cashless Debit Card metadata update.
2. **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.