

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 02 Sep 2022¹

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	0	45	173	567	39	165	0	0	0	71	0	1,065	76%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	75	357	982	75	321	0	0	0	118	<5	1,938	84%
Goldfields region WA	12	n.p.	200	608	1,794	110	752	0	0	0	177	<5	3,661	50%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2,600	444	2,083	0	0	0	987	0	6,114	20%
Cape York region QLD ²	0	0	<5	9	51	n.p.	18	0	0	0	<5	13	98	92%
Northern Territory ³	0	0	7	35	3,009	394	613	0	<5	0	254	<5	4,317	79%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 02 Sep 2022

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	56%	43	67%
East Kimberley region WA	52	15	n.p.	37	n.p.

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

Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 02 Sep 2022

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	49	36	18%	13	46%
East Kimberley region WA	56	37	57%	19	47%
Goldfields region WA	201	134	19%	67	24%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	110	63	24%	47	17%
Northern Territory	<5	0	0%	<5	n.p.

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

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 02 Sep 2022

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		Withdrawn ⁶	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	406	44	30%	76	59%	262	47%
East Kimberley region WA	562	40	37%	124	76%	377	51%
Goldfields region WA	1,443	220	13%	315	44%	844	31%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	2,846	400	9%	483	17%	1,815	18%
Northern Territory	322	5	20%	12	50%	258	40%
Not Eligible to Apply ⁵	35	0	0%	0	0%	n.p.	56%

Notes

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. Prior to 1 August 2022 Income Management participants in the Northern Territory could choose to transition to the CDC.
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 from participants who were no longer eligible for the exit process at the time of decision, for reasons such as no longer being on the program.