

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 2 April 2021

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	Sickness Allowance	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Wife Pension (Age)	Youth Allowance			Volunteer
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	39	161	482	49	121	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	894	76%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	65	312	734	69	285	0	0	0	0	0	68	<5	1,541	83%
Goldfields region WA	<5	<5	163	518	1,585	101	630	0	0	<5	0	0	125	<5	3,135	49%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2,260	421	1,678	0	0	0	0	0	818	0	5,177	18%

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

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	70%

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

Well-Being Exemptions (Section 124PHA of the Act) as at 2 April 2021

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	45	33	18%	12	50%
East Kimberley region WA	51	34	59%	17	59%
Goldfields region WA	161	114	19%	47	21%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	52	21	24%	31	n.p.

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

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 2 April 2021

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***	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA**	59	16	n.p.	18	56%	21	52%
East Kimberley region WA**	99	14	n.p.	53	87%	25	80%
Goldfields region WA**	314	91	14%	144	41%	65	28%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD**	555	159	6%	223	13%	136	13%
Out of area**	662	77	17%	271	40%	223	37%

Notes

1. Additional information on legislation, Cashless Debit Card, location, data confidentialisation and data caveats can found in Cashless Debit Card metadata update.
2. * 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.
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.
4. *** '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.