

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 31 July 2020

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	43	165	525	51	113	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	965	76%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	72	321	836	77	283	0	0	0	0	0	93	<5	1689	81%
Goldfields region WA	7	7	177	541	1829	111	659	0	0	<5	0	0	176	<5	3511	48%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2688	447	1843	0	0	0	0	0	1234	0	6212	17%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 31 July 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	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 31 July 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	44	33	18%	11	45%
East Kimberley region WA	48	34	59%	14	64%
Goldfields region WA	148	104	19%	44	20%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	35	18	28%	17	n.p.

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

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 31 July 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		Withdrawn/Closed****	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA***	39	12	n.p.	15	60%	7	n.p.
East Kimberley region WA***	83	9	n.p.	49	86%	11	n.p.
Goldfields region WA***	264	83	16%	128	43%	33	21%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD***	454	134	5%	197	13%	81	12%
Out of area***	394	53	18%	195	41%	77	31%

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 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.
4. ***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.
5. **** 'Withdrawn/Closed' includes applications that participants have withdrawn themselves, applications that did not meet eligibility requirements to progress for not providing requested documentation and also 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.