

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 03 September 2021¹

	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	Special Benefit	Widow Allowance	Youth Allowance	Other Payments ⁴	Total Participants	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	<5	<5	41	170	623	47	138	0	0	0	82	0	1,107	74%
East Kimberley region WA	<5	<5	72	347	982	77	313	0	0	0	126	<5	1,926	82%
Goldfields region WA	11	14	183	611	2,128	133	742	0	<5	0	242	<5	4,069	48%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	3,141	537	2,018	0	0	0	1,358	0	7,054	19%
Cape York region QLD ²	0	0	9	26	98	n.p.	17	0	0	0	<5	21	180	96%
Northern Territory ³	0	0	<5	n.p.	564	54	122	0	0	0	54	<5	809	62%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 03 September 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 03 September 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	47	34	18%	13	46%
East Kimberley region WA	53	35	57%	18	50%
Goldfields region WA	181	119	18%	62	23%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	77	37	19%	40	n.p
Northern Territory	<5	0	0%	<5	0%

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

Exits (Section 124PBH of the Act) as at 03 September 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 ⁶	
		Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous	Number	Per cent Indigenous
Ceduna region SA	160	33	27%	56	55%	69	55%
East Kimberley region WA	247	25	36%	105	77%	106	78%
Goldfields region WA	709	165	12%	253	44%	268	36%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	1,171	276	7%	387	15%	457	16%
Northern Territory	<5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Not Eligible to Apply ⁵	18	0	0%	0	0%	18	61%

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. Income Management participants in the Northern Territory are now able to transition to the CDC if they choose to do so.
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 the 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.