

Table 1. Number of Cashless Debit Card (CDC) participants by original CDC location as at 29 April 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	<5	41	169	622	44	161	0	0	0	85	0	1,126	76%
East Kimberley region WA	n.p.	<5	75	360	1,051	69	324	0	0	0	152	n.p.	2,042	83%
Goldfields region WA	14	n.p.	191	623	1,974	118	765	0	0	0	210	<5	3,903	50%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	0	0	0	0	2,913	494	2,100	0	0	0	1,184	0	6,691	20%
Cape York region QLD ²	0	0	<5	17	61	n.p.	16	0	0	0	0	14	115	96%
Northern Territory ³	0	0	8	35	2,484	311	485	0	<5	0	227	<5	3,555	76%

Table 2. Community panel (or body) decisions to change restricted portion of income support payment as at 29 April 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 29 April 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	48	35	18%	13	46%
East Kimberley region WA	55	36	58%	19	47%
Goldfields region WA	191	125	18%	66	24%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region Qld	88	44	23%	44	16%
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 29 April 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	276	38	29%	67	55%	137	55%
East Kimberley region WA	396	34	38%	117	75%	202	65%
Goldfields region WA	1,081	191	13%	294	43%	486	38%
Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region QLD	1,978	358	8%	452	16%	950	22%
Northern Territory	116	<5	n.p.	<5	n.p.	59	56%
Not Eligible to Apply ⁵	28	0	0%	0	0%	28	68%

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 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.