



# Budget 2019-20

This information is accurate as at 2 April 2019.

## Cashless Debit Card — further extension and expansion

This measure extends the Cashless Debit Card program in existing locations until 30 June 2021. The extension will also apply to an upcoming fifth site in the 2019-20 financial year.

From January 2020, the Cashless Debit Card will replace Income Management in the Northern Territory and Cape York. In the Northern Territory 50% of the customers funds will be quarantined instead of the 80% currently applied in other CDC locations. In Cape York the percentage quarantined may be higher than 50% where requested by the Community or as determined by the Family Responsibilities Commission.

Customers impacted are:

- long-term welfare payment recipients
- disengaged youth, and
- customers who have volunteered for Income Management

With the exception of locations holding Drug Testing Trials, customers will transition off Income Management by 31 December 2020 if they are in:

- the Northern Territory, or
- other locations where there is low take up of Income Management.

People affected by this measure will be notified when they are assessed as eligible for the Cashless Debit Card.

They will get information on how to activate and use their card by the card provider.

### Who is affected by this measure?

This measure affects customers getting an eligible payment and living in:

- Ceduna, South Australia (for all working age income support payments)
- East Kimberley, Western Australia (for all working age income support payments)
- Goldfields regions, Western Australia (for all working age income support payments)
- Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region, Queensland (Youth Allowance - Jobseekers, Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment Partnered and Parenting Payment Single customers under the age of 36)

This measure will also affect long-term welfare payment recipients, disengaged youth and customers who have volunteered for Income Management in the Northern Territory.

**When will this start and finish?**

This measure starts 1 January 2020 and ends 30 June 2021.