



## **SMALL RURAL SCHOOLS**

**AIM: To ensure that Small Rural Schools are able to provide a high standard of educational services and facilities.**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. That teacher-education includes training in multiple class situations and practical teaching experience in small rural schools.
2. That co-operation between personnel at all levels of the Department of Education and the people living in remote communities be encouraged.
3. That a school community member or experienced small rural school teacher be included on the selection panel when interviewing teachers for a small rural school appointment.
4. That the Regional Office of the Education Department provide a background briefing on the lifestyle of the school based area and a basic knowledge of school administration procedures.
5. That teachers appointed to Teacher in Charge positions in small rural schools have at least two years of previous teaching experience.
6. That health screening takes place annually and relevant specialist services be available to students attending small rural schools.
7. That the student to teacher ratio be flexible and extra staffing of a teacher or teacher's aide be appointed on a needs basis.
8. That adequate housing be available for teachers appointed to small rural schools.
9. That student specialist services be available to students attending small rural schools.
10. That, extra resources be made available to provide access to a wide range of educational opportunities for students in small rural schools.
11. That, students at small rural schools have access to all new educational technology, including current computer programmes, from a central resource bank.