

## PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES BRANCH CONTRACT SCHOOL BUS SERVICES GUIDELINES

### EXTENSION OF A BUS SERVICE

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1. An extension will not be provided to areas already provided with government-funded public transport.
2. Extensions are limited to services travelling to the home area school (Primary School) as defined by the Department of Education, or the nearest college, or a school identified by the Department of Education as being a school for which the area is a defined “feeder” area (High School).
3. An extension will only be provided to a point, which is greater than three (3) kilometres from an existing route.
4. A service may be extended provided it would collect at least eight (8) full-time students on a regular basis (three or more return trips per student per week).
5. Students living *within* three (3) kilometres of the existing route will not be included in the count to achieve the required number (8) to extend a service.
6. New services will only be provided to your home area school (Primary School) as defined by the Department of Education, or the nearest college, or a school identified by the Department of Education as being a school for which your area is a defined “feeder” area (High School).
7. The minimum number of eight (8) students and three (3) kilometres may be varied where the Transport Commission is able to secure an extension of the service for a lesser cost than the aggregate amount that would be payable under the Conveyance Allowance program for the eligible students.
8. Sections of a bus service which carry fewer than eight (8) full-time students will be curtailed to a point at which at least eight students would be collected.

#### **Note:**

Where the above criteria are not met, an operator may choose to apply for authorisation to provide what is called a “non-core” extension to a service. If approved, the extension will not receive government funding.

Students electing to use such an extension may be charged a fare set by the operator. No concession passes are issued for travel on these services.