ICPA requests that the Federal Government introduce a Distance Education Teaching Allowance in financial recognition of the essential work these distance education tutors perform.

Due consideration must be given to the encumbrance on approximately 1,500 families in isolated areas for whom distance education is the only means to educate children.

A distance education tutor is the lifeline between the children and the distance education centre. One cannot function without the other.

The Distance Education Tutor

- Is frequently the mother and makes herself available to commit between six and eight hours each day to a classroom to teach the distance education lessons.

- This commitment usually extends beyond one year and very often involves more than eight years of dedication to the role of distance education tutor.

- The vital role of the distance education tutor should be recognised through the payment of an allowance which acknowledges the essential work they perform.

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