Demountable buildings meet a key part of the Department’s accommodation needs.

**Demountable buildings:**
- Provide accommodation for peak enrolments
- Meet accommodation needs in schools from increased enrolments
- Meet emergency needs as a result of fires or natural disasters
- Achieve policy initiatives such as Class Size Reduction
- Meet needs arising from capital works or maintenance projects in schools

The Department has a stock of over 5,888 demountable buildings – classrooms and specialist spaces - of which around 88% are in schools and TAFE and the remaining are being repaired, rebuilt or waiting to be moved out to schools or TAFE.

The Department currently has just over 42,300 classrooms in schools – only a small proportion, around 12% of these classrooms are demountable.

Through the Demountable Replacement Program, the Government is committed to replacing longer term classroom, library and administration demountables.

Since 2001 the Government has announced the provision of 175 new classrooms, 33 new libraries and 15 new administration buildings at 95 schools to replace 216 demountable buildings.

Between 2001/02 and 2009/10, nearly $75 million will have been spent to replace long term demountable classrooms, libraries and administration facilities with permanent accommodation.

The Department also continues to maintain and refurbish demountables on a regular programmed basis. In 2009/10 an additional $10 million will be spent to repair and rebuild demountables which will provide an estimated additional 120 fully refurbished buildings.

**Movement of demountable buildings – 2009/2010**

In preparation for the first day of Term 1 2010, a total of 688 demountable movements were made throughout NSW between 1 July 2009 and 28 January 2010. This equates to over 2,828 transport movements. In all 96% of the required movements were completed on time. Heavy rain delayed some movements as sites were too wet for crane and truck access, and on-site preparation was delayed.

Further information

The Department of Education and Training’s current demountable policy can be found in the “Our Policies section of the Department’s website: