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Hi

I am surprised that South Africa is exempted from writing english tests whereas Zimbabweans are not. Pick any Zimbabwean in Australia and you will realise that their english proficiency is better than South Africans. In Zimbabwe all learning is conducted in english whereas in South Africa it is Afrikaans and english. In Zimbabwe the syllabuses are all based on british educational system. The literacy rate is way over 80% unlike in South Africa.

Skills level are quite high in Zimbabweans as compared to South Africas. It does not make sense for someone who has done their education in english to be asked to write an english test.

I strongly recommend for Zimbabweans to be exempted from writing the english tests.