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It is my strongest believe that Zimbabwe should be included in the list of countries exempted from doing the OET /IELTS for the following reason

: Zimbabwe's current English Language Curricula (Ordinary and Advanced level) is a replica of the UK One. The only difference is that Zimbabwe nationalized its curricula as well as the marking. The marking criteria is still the same although the examiners are now locally trained by UK trained examiners. Previously the marking of the examination that is now done locally was done in the UK under the same conditions. From my perspective, this nationalization of the exam should not exempt Zimbabweans from registering and allow those from UK registering. If the exemption was done on the grounds of accent, the situation would be somehow different.

It appears to me that the decision to exempt SA from sitting the OET is political. An analysis of Zimbabwe and SA English Language curricula shows not much difference or the former country would attract more favor. This view does not imply that all people from these countries have all to be exempted but each case has to be considered individually . For instance, some of the people who wish to apply for registration are former teachers of English and are examiners. To say they cannot fall under ' the very good user of English' is a blatant under-estimation. However, on the basis of spinning money for the English test providers (OEP etc), yes, they are.

Zimbabwe deserves inclusion too. Nurses from Zimbabwe who wish to register should be allowed to without having to sit for the texts (OET/ IELTS) that are frighteningly exorbitant.

Thank you.