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Dear Valued Member

EXTENSION OF ZIMBABWEAN EXEMPTION PERMITS

The Department of Home Affairs issued a press statement on the 2nd of September 2022 stating that Zimbabwean Nationals are granted further exemptions in terms the Immigration Act 13 of 2002.

An Advisory Committee assessed Visa applications done by Zimbabwean Nationals and a progress report was submitted to the Minister on the 1st of September 2022. The Advisory Committee's findings showed that it would be prudent to extend the exemption period for a further 6 months. The Minister considered the recommendation and extended the exemption period.

The Immigration Directive No: 2 of 2022 was issued and the following must be observed during the extended six months' period, from 31 December 2022, ending on 30 June 2023:

1. No holder of the exemption may be arrested, ordered to leave, or be detained:
 - for purposes of deportation,
 - for any reason related to him or her not having any valid exemption certificate in his or her passport.
2. The holder of the exemption may be allowed to enter or depart from the Republic of South Africa:
 - if he or she complies with the requirements for entry into and departure from the Republic,
 - even though he or she does not have a valid permit in his or her passport.
3. No holder of exemption should be required to produce:
 - a valid exemption certificate,
 - an authorisation letter to remain in the Republic when making an application for any category of the visas, including a temporary residence visa.

Zimbabwean Nationals are urged to make use of this window of opportunity and not wait for the last moment to lodge their application. There will be no further extension granted by the Minister.

Zimbabwean Nationals granted Extension of ZEP Permits, Directive 2 September 2022 link:

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/notices/1597-press-statement-zimbabwean-nationals-granted-exemption-in-terms-of-section-13-2-b-of-the-immigration-act>

If you have any queries in this regard, please contact your local IR Specialist: [IR Contacts - Retail Motor Industry Organisation \(rmi.org.za\)](http://rmi.org.za)

Regards



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