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## NOTICE:

### MATRIC EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR SSA AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

For UCT to comply with statutory requirements, the SSA students must apply for ‘matric exemption’. An international student may seek either ‘foreign conditional exemption’ or ‘Senate discretionary exemption’. Both types of exemption fulfil the same purpose, but they differ in terms of the basis on which they are granted.

To obtain ‘matric exemption’, SSA students are required *inter alia* to:

- a) provide a copy certified by the admitting SA university (not the home institution) of their national school leaving diploma/certificate for the purpose of obtaining a ‘foreign conditional exemption’,
- or,**
- b) present themselves, on arrival, to write a Senate approved test recognised by the Matriculation Board of South Africa for the purpose of obtaining a ‘Senate discretionary exemption’. The Placement Test in English for Educational Purposes (PTEEP) is used at UCT for this purpose. This test will be administered during the Orientation week.

‘Matric exemption’ and admission are two separate issues. Admission requirements are set by the University, while ‘matric exemption’ requirements are set by a statutory body and apply to all SA universities.

The home institution’s transcript remains the means for determining admission to the academic programme and faculty of choice for SSA students.

**Note:** All full degree students with foreign school leaving qualifications apply with their school leaving certificates to the Matriculation Board of South Africa before they are allowed to register at any South African university. Without ‘matric exemption’ a student may not be admitted to degree studies, or be allowed to graduate at a SA university.

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