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OET opens new venue in Darwin with Navitas

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available in Darwin from August 2015; giving Darwin candidates the opportunity to sit the test locally. The Darwin test venue will be managed by Navitas English Test Centre, an OET Authorised Test Venue.

OET (Occupational English Test) is an Australian-developed English language test which assesses the English language communication skills of healthcare professionals. It provides a valid and reliable assessment of all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking – with an emphasis on communication in health workplace settings.

Navitas English Test Centre (NETC) is the largest partner delivering OET within Australia. The Darwin venue will be the sixth OET Authorised Test Venue managed by Navitas, who also delivers the test in Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide.

CEO of the Professional and English Programs Division at Navitas, Lyndell Fraser, said Navitas is thrilled to be opening a new OET test venue in Darwin.

“We are pleased to bring our experience in managing OET venues to Darwin, and look forward to meeting the needs of the local community,” she said.

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, said this is part of the plan to make OET more accessible to candidates all around the world.

“Partnering with world-class organisations like Navitas allows us to expand our test venue network knowing that candidates will have a great test day experience wherever they choose to sit the test. The high volume of candidates already taking part in the test shows the value that healthcare professionals place on OET, so we are pleased to be able to offer OET to candidates in Darwin” Ms Stead said.

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About OET

OET is an international English language test that assesses the language communication skills of healthcare professionals who seek to register and practise in an English-speaking environment. It is taken by healthcare professionals wanting to practice in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore and results are accepted by health regulatory boards and councils, and the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection for various visa categories.

OET is available in over 60 venues in 29 countries. It is owned by Cambridge Boxhill Language Assessment, a venture between Cambridge English and Box Hill Institute, Australia. For more information visit <http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org>

About Navitas

Navitas is Australia's largest provider of English language training delivering English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) and specialist training programs for English language teachers (TESOL) to more than 8000 students a year across eight Australian centres. The Navitas English Test Centre (NETC), established in 2010, works in partnership with major testing organisations to administer and deliver a range of internationally recognised examinations. NETC delivers over 30,000 tests a year, including English language and professional tests, to candidates at test centres in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and now Darwin.

Navitas is a leading global education provider that offers an extensive range of educational services through three major Divisions to students and professionals including university programs, creative media education, professional education, English language training and settlement services. Navitas is a S&P/ASX100 company. Further details about Navitas are available at www.navitas.com

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