



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **OET, the English language test for internationally qualified nurses recognised at Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin, New Zealand.**

The Occupational English Test (OET) is now recognised by Otago Polytechnic giving healthcare professionals in the region an opportunity to improve their career prospects.

Healthcare professionals who achieve required results in the healthcare-specific OET to prove English proficiency will be able to apply for the Competence Assessment Program for registered nurses.

Otago Polytechnic is proud to be a leader in high quality, career-focused education with some of the best student achievement and satisfaction results in New Zealand. Employers love our graduates because they are work-ready, confident and solution-focused. We believe our people make a better world and our alumni are global citizens who care about making a difference.

OET allows the organisation to accurately understand applicants' ability to communicate safely within the English medium. OET is a recognised process for assessing international candidates' who apply for places on the Competence Assessment Program for registered nurses.

OET is an international English language test that assesses the language skills of healthcare professionals seeking to register and practice in an English-speaking environment. OET is recognised by Australian and New Zealand Immigration for visa purposes, as well as healthcare regulators in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Dubai and Namibia, for registration purposes. OET is also accepted by healthcare educators for admission and exit assessment of English language skills.

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, says: "We commend Otago Polytechnic for their commitment to the healthcare sector in New Zealand".

"Unlike other English tests, OET test materials are based on real healthcare scenarios so educators and employers can be confident that successful candidates have the level of English communication skills required for safe and high-quality patient care," she concluded.

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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.

OET results are accepted by healthcare boards and councils in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Dubai and Namibia as proof of English language proficiency. OET is also recognised by the Australian Department of Immigration and Immigration New Zealand for visa purposes. In addition, educators in Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan accept OET as proof of language proficiency for healthcare course admission and graduation.

Available in over 100 venues in 40 countries, OET 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>

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