



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Occupational English Test (OET) opens a new test venue in New Zealand with Massey University's Center for Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE).**

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new venue from April. The new Wellington test venue will be managed by PaCE.

OET (Occupational English Test) is an Australian-developed English language test which assesses language communication skills of healthcare professionals. It provides assessment of all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking – through test material designed to reflect real healthcare scenarios.

PaCE Business Manager Joy Hotter says: "We are committed to providing services and offerings that meet the needs of the communities in Wellington. By offering OET at Massey University's Wellington Campus, we are enabling health care professionals to demonstrate their English language proficiency for professional registration and employment purposes".

"OET, which is owned by Cambridge English Language Assessment and the Box Hill Institute, has a unique and proven 30 year pedigree in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The decision to offer the test was an easy one to make," she concludes.

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, said the new venue will make a huge contribution to the healthcare sector.

"I'm sure OET candidates will have an excellent experience with Massey University. We commend them for their passion for meeting the needs of the community through empowering healthcare professionals to have the level of English communication skills required for safe and effective care".

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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 most health regulatory boards and councils in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai and Singapore as proof of English language proficiency. It is

also recognised by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection and Immigration New Zealand for all visa categories where an English test may be required.

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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