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Occupational English Test (OET) opens a new test venue in New Zealand with Wintec

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new Test Venue in Hamilton, New Zealand from April 2017. The new test venue will be managed by The Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec).

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

Jo Thomas, Director of Wintec's Centre for Language says: "The test offered by OET at Wintec is focussed on the language skills healthcare professionals need to be successful in their roles. It's a highly developed test which is recognised by Boards and Councils for professional registration, and by Immigration New Zealand for all visa categories".

"By offering this test at Wintec, we are enabling healthcare professionals locally and nationally, as well as our international students to demonstrate their proficiency in English to assist them in gaining employment," she concludes.

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, said: "OET candidates will have an excellent experience with Wintec in Hamilton on test day. We commend Wintec for their commitment to meeting the needs of the community by 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 Australia, New Zealand 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 most visa categories. Available in over 70 venues in 30 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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