



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The Occupational English Test (OET) opens a new test venue in the UK with Accent International**

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new venue in the UK from March. The new Devon test venue will be managed by Accent International Language Consultancy.

OET (the Occupational English Test) is an Australian-developed English language test that assesses the 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.

Mark Waistell, Senior Partner of Accent International, says: “We are looking forward to offering OET at Accent International and enabling health care professionals to demonstrate their English language proficiency for professional registration and employment purposes by accessing the combined expertise of Accent International and OET”.

“Like OET, we too have experience of more than 30 years and world-wide references. Accent International and OET are a perfect fit and the decision to work together with OET and offer the test was an easy one to make,” he concluded.

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, said the new venue – OET’s 20<sup>th</sup> in the UK – would add choice to the market and make it easier for healthcare professionals in South West England to prove their English proficiency for registration by sitting OET.

“I have been impressed by Accent International’s enthusiasm for OET and am confident that our candidates will have an excellent test-day with them. We look forward to working with them.”

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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 regulators in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai, Namibia, Singapore and Ukraine as proof of English language proficiency. The test is also recognised in Australia and New Zealand for visa and immigration purposes.

Available at more than 110 venues in 40 countries, OET is owned by Cambridge Boxhill Language Assessment, a venture between Cambridge Assessment English and Box Hill Institute, Australia. For more information visit <http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org>.

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**About Accent International**

Accent International is a specialist training and consultancy organisation in Specialist English for Executives, Professionals, Corporate Clients and Government Ministries. Founded in 1988 and based at Bicton College in East Devon, it provides training in the UK, around the world, online and through distance learning programmes.

Accent International is fully-accredited by the British Council, is a member of English UK, Business English UK and the elite group, IALC (International Association of Language Centres.). It is a UK Centre of Excellence and has been identified as No. 1 in the UK for the Teaching and Learning of English Language.

Accent International's clients include well-known names from China to Brazil, including Ferrari, Mercedes, Gucci, KPMG and BP. In the healthcare sector, Accent International works with Ospedale San Raffaele in Milan, Johnson and Johnson, Janssen-Cilag, Sanofi, Novartis and Karolinska University Hospital in Sweden amongst many others.

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