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The Occupational English Test (OET) opens a new test venue in Launceston, Australia with the University of Tasmania.

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new venue from July. The new Tasmanian test venue will be managed by UTAS.

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.

Josie Gawron, Director of Studies at the English Language Centre says: “We are committed to providing services and offerings that meet the needs of the communities in Launceston as well as other parts of Tasmania. By offering OET at UTAS, we are enabling health care professionals to demonstrate their English language proficiency for professional registration and employment purposes.”

“OET, which is owned by Cambridge Assessment English and Box Hill Institute, has a unique and proven 30-year pedigree and the test is recognised by healthcare regulators world-wide. The decision to offer the test was an easy one to make,” she concluded.

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 UTAS. 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 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 125 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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