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OET first healthcare-regulator approved English language test to award digital badges

The Occupational English Test (OET), the leading English language test for healthcare professionals, is the first healthcare-regulator approved English language test to award successful test takers with digital credentials. The digital badges will be issued for the first time to coincide with the 19 September results release, and following all subsequent results releases.

Digital badges are graphical representations of traditional qualifications (certificates and diplomas) but contain blockchain verified metadata that describe the qualification and the process required to earn them. Unlike traditional qualifications, they can neither be copied nor tampered with, and can be easily shared online.

Sujata Stead, CEO of Cambridge Boxhill Language Assessment (the owners of OET), said: “This is an exciting milestone for our business and demonstrates our commitment to remaining the leader in global healthcare communication. Succeeding in the OET test is a significant achievement to an internationally educated healthcare professional and they can now broadcast their accomplishment to the world via email and social media.”

OET has introduced a number of technological advances over the past year, including the use of world-leading facial recognition technology that compares the person in front of the test administrator with their passport photo to ensure that the candidate who is sitting the test is the same person as the one to whom the results are attributed.

To find out more about OET’s digital badge program, visit:
www.occupationalenglishtest.org//digital-badges.

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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, Namibia and Ukraine as proof of English language proficiency. OET is also recognised in Australia and New Zealand for visa purposes.

Available at more than 130 venues in 41 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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