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New OET test venue in Bristol, UK

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new venue in Bristol in the UK. The test venue will be managed by International House Bristol.

OET is the world's only international English language test specifically for healthcare professionals who would like to work in an English-speaking environment. It provides assessment of all four language skills – listening, reading, writing and speaking – through test material designed to reflect real communication scenarios that candidates are likely to encounter in the healthcare workplace.

Val Hennessy, owner and director of International House Bristol, said : “We are delighted to join the OET family and to have the opportunity to offer OET in Bristol. OET is tailored to the specific needs of health care professionals and, as such, represents a step-change over what has been available to them to date. The exams meet the precise needs of those working in the health care system and will allow them to progress, personally and professionally, in their chosen careers. We are proud to be part of helping international health care professionals gain the English language qualifications they need and thereby to be part of improving the health care system in the UK.”

OET CEO, Sujata Stead, said “OET has an excellent relationship with International House globally and so we are pleased to add International House Bristol to our list of test venues. Overseas trained healthcare professionals in the UK's South West can now access OET with ease and avail themselves of the only English language test that prepares them for the communication demands of the healthcare workplace.”

International House Bristol will run OET from the 20 March test.

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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, Singapore, Malta, Namibia and Ukraine as proof of English language proficiency. The test is also recognised in Australia and New Zealand for visa and

immigration purposes, while doctors and nurses in the UK are not required to take a separate English language test when applying for a Tier 2 (General) visa if they have provided OET results as proof of English proficiency to their healthcare regulator.

Available at more than 145 venues in 44 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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