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### **OET opens a new test venue in Kollam, India**

OET, the English language test for healthcare professionals, will be available at a new venue from March. The new Kollam (Kerala) test venue will be managed by Cambridge University Press (CUP) India, who already host the test at venues in Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram.

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.

Amit Baveja, Senior Vice President and Business Head at CUP India said: "Cambridge University Press is committed to making test preparation as well as test-taking accessible to all OET aspirants. We are happy to announce the opening of our new OET test venue in Kollam, Kerala".

OET CEO Sujata Stead said she welcomed the new venue in Kollam, which would assist with meeting the high demand for OET in Kerala, particularly by nurses.

"Kerala produces superb healthcare professionals who are helping much of the Western world in managing their shortages of trained professionals. OET is proud to be able to ensure that these individuals have the communication skills in English to deliver high quality and safe care," she added.

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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.

OET is available at more than 150 venues in 44 countries.

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