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## Specialist English language test OET now accepted in Canada.

Overseas-trained doctors who want to work in Canada will now be able to take an English language test designed specifically for doctors.

To work in Canada, international medical graduates (IMGs) must prove they have the English language skills needed to practise in their profession. IMGs choosing to do so can now prove their English language proficiency to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia with OET, an English language test specifically developed for healthcare professionals.

The test is available globally and covers 12 healthcare professions, including a specific test for Medicine. The test reflects real-life workplace tasks and relevant language skills that are needed by doctors in English-speaking workplaces. The experts behind the test say OET will assist the College in identifying those individuals with the English language skills needed for safe and effective practice.

Sujata Stead, CEO of OET, said:

“I am delighted that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia has recognised the value of OET and the critical role it plays in ensuring healthcare professionals have the right level of English to provide high quality and safe patient care. OET has been designed to reflect the real-life communication scenarios that physicians are likely to face, so **it’s** a really fit for purpose test.

“Doctors who have passed OET with grade B in all four sub-tests (Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking) have proven that they have both the language proficiency and clinical communication skills to work successfully in Canada.”

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia joins healthcare regulators around the world who accept OET results as proof of English language skills. Visit <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information/who-recognises-oet/> to see all organisations that accept OET.

About OET

OET is the **world’s** only international English language test specifically for healthcare professionals. The test assesses the communication skills of healthcare professionals who seek to register and practise in an English-speaking environment.

OET results are accepted by healthcare regulators world-wide, including in the USA, the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Dubai and Singapore. 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.

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