



Candidate performance 2019

Grade information

For the period covered by this report, OET was assessed on a score reporting system from scaled scores 500 to 0, with the 6-grade scale (A-E including C+) to be used alongside this new score reporting system, for each individual sub-test. Grades for each sub-test are shown here according to a variety of classifications. OET does not report overall scaled scores or grades, only for each individual sub-test.

Candidature by profession

Split between the various OET professions in 2019

Profession	Candidature
Nursing	68.52%
Medicine	29.74%
Others	1.74%

Gender

These figures show the mean scaled scores¹ achieved by candidates per sub-test according to gender in 2019.

Gender	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Female	Mean Scaled Score	330	330	300	360
Male	Mean Scaled Score	360	350	310	360
Other	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	320	370

These figures show the median grades achieved by candidates per sub-test according to gender in 2019.

Gender	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Female	Median Grade	B	C+	C+	B
Male	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Other	Median Grade	B	C+	B	B

These figures show the mode grades achieved by candidates per sub-test according to gender in 2019.

¹ Mean scaled scores in this file are rounded to the nearest ten.

Gender	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Female	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Male	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Other	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B

Nationality ²(alphabetically)

These figures show the mean scaled scores achieved by candidates per sub-test for the most common nationalities³ in 2019.

Nationality	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Australian	Mean Scaled Score	330	310	290	370
Bahraini	Mean Scaled Score	400	390	330	400
Bangladeshi	Mean Scaled Score	360	350	330	360
Brazilian	Mean Scaled Score	350	360	320	380
British	Mean Scaled Score	350	320	300	380
Canadian	Mean Scaled Score	380	370	330	400
Chinese	Mean Scaled Score	310	350	300	350
Egyptian	Mean Scaled Score	370	370	320	370
Fijian	Mean Scaled Score	330	310	300	370
Filipino	Mean Scaled Score	370	340	310	370
French	Mean Scaled Score	360	380	310	380
German	Mean Scaled Score	380	360	320	400
Ghanaian	Mean Scaled Score	350	320	300	380
Greek	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	320	370
Hong Kongese	Mean Scaled Score	340	380	310	360
Indian	Mean Scaled Score	320	310	290	350
Iranian	Mean Scaled Score	330	340	310	370
Iraqi	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	310	370
Irish	Mean Scaled Score	390	360	320	400
Italian	Mean Scaled Score	350	370	310	380
Japanese	Mean Scaled Score	310	330	300	350
Jordanian	Mean Scaled Score	370	370	310	370
Libyan	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	300	360
Malaysian	Mean Scaled Score	380	370	320	380
Myanmar/Burmese	Mean Scaled Score	360	380	340	360
Nepalese	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	310	360
Nigerian	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	320	380
Pakistani	Mean Scaled Score	380	360	330	380
Palestinian	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	310	370
Polish	Mean Scaled Score	350	360	310	370
Portuguese	Mean Scaled Score	380	380	310	390

² Note: Nationality, in this document, may refer to a candidate's country of birth, current country of residence or previous country of residence. This is self-reported information from candidates. Nationality may not correlate to proficiency of the official or common languages spoken in that country.

³ These lists include data for the nationality with 100 or more candidates.

Romanian	Mean Scaled Score	330	320	280	360
Saudi	Mean Scaled Score	370	360	290	380
Singaporean	Mean Scaled Score	390	370	330	380
Somali	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	260	370
South African	Mean Scaled Score	390	360	340	420
South Korean	Mean Scaled Score	330	330	300	350
Spanish	Mean Scaled Score	350	380	320	380
Sri Lankan	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	320	360
Sudanese	Mean Scaled Score	350	350	310	370
Syrian	Mean Scaled Score	350	350	310	370
Taiwanese	Mean Scaled Score	320	340	300	360
Thai	Mean Scaled Score	340	330	300	350
Turkish	Mean Scaled Score	350	370	330	360
Yemenite	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	290	360
Zimbabwean	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	320	370

These figures show the median grades achieved by candidates for the most common nationalities per sub-test in 2019.

Nationality	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Australian	Median Grade	B	C+	C	B
Bahraini	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Bangladeshi	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Brazilian	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
British	Median Grade	B	C+	C+	B
Canadian	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Chinese	Median Grade	C+	B	C+	B
Egyptian	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Fijian	Median Grade	C+	C+	C+	B
Filipino	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
French	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
German	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Ghanaian	Median Grade	B	C+	C+	B
Greek	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Hong Kongese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Indian	Median Grade	C+	C+	C	B
Iranian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Iraqi	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Irish	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Italian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Japanese	Median Grade	C+	C+	C+	B
Jordanian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Libyan	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Malaysian	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Myanmar/Burmese	Median Grade	B	B	B	B

Nepalese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Nigerian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Pakistani	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Palestinian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Polish	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Portuguese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Romanian	Median Grade	B	C+	C	B
Saudi	Median Grade	B	B	C	B
Singaporean	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Somali	Median Grade	B	B	C	B
South African	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
South Korean	Median Grade	B	B	C+/C	B
Spanish	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Sri Lankan	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Sudanese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Syrian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Taiwanese	Median Grade	C+	B	C+	B
Thai	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Turkish	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Yemenite	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Zimbabwean	Median Grade	B	C+	B	B

These figures show the mode grades achieved by candidates per sub-test for the most common nationalities in 2019.

Nationality	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Australian	Mode Grade	B	C	C	B
Bahraini	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Bangladeshi	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Brazilian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
British	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Canadian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Chinese	Mode Grade	C	B	C	B
Egyptian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Fijian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Filipino	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
French	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
German	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Ghanaian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Greek	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Hong Kongese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Indian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Iranian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Iraqi	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B

Irish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Italian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Japanese	Mode Grade	C	B	C	B
Jordanian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Libyan	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Malaysian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Myanmar/Burmese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Nepalese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Nigerian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Pakistani	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Palestinian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Polish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Portuguese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Romanian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Saudi	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Singaporean	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Somali	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
South African	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
South Korean	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Spanish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Sri Lankan	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Sudanese	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Syrian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Taiwanese	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Thai	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Turkish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Yemenite	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Zimbabwean	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B

First language⁴ (alphabetically)

These figures show the mean scaled scores achieved by candidates per sub-test for the most common first language backgrounds⁵ in 2019.

First Language	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Afrikaans	Mean Scaled Score	380	360	330	400
Arabic	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	310	370
Bengali	Mean Scaled Score	360	350	330	360
Bisaya	Mean Scaled Score	370	340	310	370
Burmese	Mean Scaled Score	360	380	340	360
Cantonese	Mean Scaled Score	330	380	310	350

⁴ Note: First Language, in this document, is not an indicator of what a Candidate's proficiency in that self-reported first language might be, it also does not take into account other languages that the Candidate may possess or where they might reside.

⁵ These lists include data for the first language with 100 or more candidates.

Cebuano/Bisayan	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	310	370
Chinese	Mean Scaled Score	320	350	310	350
English	Mean Scaled Score	330	320	300	360
Farsi/Persian	Mean Scaled Score	340	340	300	370
Filipino	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	310	370
French	Mean Scaled Score	350	360	310	380
Greek	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	320	370
Gujarati	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	300	360
Hindi	Mean Scaled Score	360	330	310	360
Ibo/Igbo	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	310	380
Italian	Mean Scaled Score	350	380	310	380
Japanese	Mean Scaled Score	310	330	300	350
Kannada	Mean Scaled Score	340	320	290	360
Konkani	Mean Scaled Score	330	310	290	350
Korean	Mean Scaled Score	330	330	300	350
Kurdish	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	300	360
Malayalam	Mean Scaled Score	320	310	290	340
Mandarin	Mean Scaled Score	320	340	300	360
Marathi	Mean Scaled Score	360	330	310	360
Ndebele	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	320	370
Nepali	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	310	360
Pashto	Mean Scaled Score	370	350	320	370
Polish	Mean Scaled Score	350	360	310	370
Portuguese	Mean Scaled Score	370	370	320	390
Punjabi	Mean Scaled Score	320	310	290	340
Romanian	Mean Scaled Score	330	320	290	360
Russian	Mean Scaled Score	360	350	310	370
Shona	Mean Scaled Score	350	330	320	370
Sindhi	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	320	370
Sinhalese	Mean Scaled Score	360	360	320	360
Spanish	Mean Scaled Score	350	370	310	380
Tagalog/Filipino	Mean Scaled Score	360	340	310	370
Tamil	Mean Scaled Score	330	330	300	350
Telugu	Mean Scaled Score	360	330	300	360
Thai	Mean Scaled Score	330	320	300	350
Turkish	Mean Scaled Score	350	370	330	360
Urdu	Mean Scaled Score	380	370	330	380
Yoruba	Mean Scaled Score	350	340	320	370

These figures show the median grades achieved by candidates per sub-test for the most common first language backgrounds in 2019.

First Language	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Afrikaans	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Arabic	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Bengali	Median Grade	B	B	B	B

Bisaya	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Burmese	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Cantonese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Cebuano/Bisayan	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Chinese	Median Grade	C+	B	C+	B
English	Median Grade	B	C+	C+	B
Farsi/Persian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Filipino	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
French	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Greek	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Gujarati	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Hindi	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Ibo/Igbo	Median Grade	B	B/C+	C+	B
Italian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Japanese	Median Grade	C+	C+	C+	B
Kannada	Median Grade	B	C+	C	B
Konkani	Median Grade	C+	C+	C	B
Korean	Median Grade	B	B	C	B
Kurdish	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Malayalam	Median Grade	C+	C+	C	B
Mandarin	Median Grade	C+	B	C+	B
Marathi	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Ndebele	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Nepali	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Pashto	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Polish	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Portuguese	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Punjabi	Median Grade	C+	C+	C	B
Romanian	Median Grade	B	C+	C	B
Russian	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Shona	Median Grade	B	C+	B	B
Sindhi	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Sinhalese	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Spanish	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Tagalog/Filipino	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Tamil	Median Grade	B	C+	C	B
Telugu	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Thai	Median Grade	B	C+	C+	B
Turkish	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Urdu	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Yoruba	Median Grade	B	B	B	B

These figures show the mode grades achieved by candidates per sub-test for the most common first language backgrounds in 2019.

First Language	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Afrikaans	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Arabic	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Bengali	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Bisaya	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Burmese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Cantonese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Cebuano/Bisayan	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Chinese	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
English	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Farsi/Persian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Filipino	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
French	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Greek	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Gujarati	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Hindi	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Ibo/Igbo	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Italian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Japanese	Mode Grade	C	B	C	B
Kannada	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Konkani	Mode Grade	B	C	C	B
Korean	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Kurdish	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Malayalam	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Mandarin	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Marathi	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Ndebele	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Nepali	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Pashto	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Polish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Portuguese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Punjabi	Mode Grade	B	C	C	B
Romanian	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Russian	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Shona	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Sindhi	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Sinhalese	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Spanish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Tagalog/Filipino	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Tamil	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Telugu	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Thai	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Turkish	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Urdu	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Yoruba	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B

Profession

These figures show the mean scaled scores achieved by candidates per sub-test for the 12 OET professions in 2019.

Profession	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Dentistry	Mean Scaled Score	340	340	320	380
Dietetics	Mean Scaled Score	350	350	320	370
Medicine	Mean Scaled Score	370	370	330	370
Nursing	Mean Scaled Score	330	320	290	350
Occupational Therapy	Mean Scaled Score	340	350	310	380
Optometry	Mean Scaled Score	340	330	360	360
Pharmacy	Mean Scaled Score	350	350	320	370
Physiotherapy	Mean Scaled Score	350	350	320	380
Podiatry	Mean Scaled Score	370	380	320	360
Radiography	Mean Scaled Score	330	330	310	360
Speech Pathology	Mean Scaled Score	380	380	350	410
Veterinary Science	Mean Scaled Score	350	370	330	380

These figures show the median grades achieved by candidates per sub-test for the 12 OET professions in 2019.

Profession	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Dentistry	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Dietetics	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Medicine	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Nursing	Median Grade	C+	C+	C	B
Occupational Therapy	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Optometry	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Pharmacy	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Physiotherapy	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Podiatry	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Radiography	Median Grade	B	B	C+	B
Speech Pathology	Median Grade	B	B	B	B
Veterinary Science	Median Grade	B	B	B	B

These figures show the mode grades achieved by candidates per sub-test for the 12 OET professions in 2019.

Profession	Stat	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Dentistry	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Dietetics	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Medicine	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Nursing	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Occupational Therapy	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Optometry	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Pharmacy	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Physiotherapy	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Podiatry	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Radiography	Mode Grade	B	B	C	B
Speech Pathology	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B
Veterinary Science	Mode Grade	B	B	B	B