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New OET test venue gives healthcare professionals in Kerala the opportunity to start their international career

Healthcare professionals in Kerala, including nurses and doctors looking to work in Australia, New Zealand or Singapore will soon be able to take the industry-recognised healthcare English test, Occupational English Test (OET) at a new Authorised Test Venue in Kochi.

Applications to take the OET test in Kochi are open until 7 December, for the first test to be delivered at the venue in January 2017. Healthcare professionals, including nurses and doctors, can be assured of a quality experience as the venue will be managed by Planet EDU, a leading educational company, who also runs Authorised OET Test venues in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai.

The new venue will make it easier and more convenient for healthcare professionals wanting to pursue their careers in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

CEO of OET Sujata Stead said the new test venue will help to make candidates feel more confident and at ease when taking the test. "Many healthcare professionals from Kerala have to travel to other states to take OET, which can be quite costly and time consuming," Ms Stead said.

As well as providing proof of English language proficiency, OET gives healthcare professionals the opportunity to become more competent in English as it relates to their workplace, leading to safer and higher quality care. Unlike many English tests, OET's writing, reading, listening and speaking tasks simulate real healthcare scenarios, such as calming a distressed patient or writing a referral letter. A range of preparation material, both free and to purchase, can be found at <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information/preparation-portal/>

OET is recognised and trusted by health boards and councils across Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. Many hospitals, universities and colleges use OET as a proof of a candidate's ability to communicate effectively in demanding healthcare environments.



Mr Hardik Patel, a nurse from India, completed OET in 2015. He said: "Successful completion of OET shaped my career and now I can work as a registered nurse here [in Australia] and I can work in my dream field, which is really exciting for me."

"I can work as a registered nurse in Australia, so I can have multiple country experience and I can add as many wings as possible in my career, so it really means a lot to me," Mr Patel said.

Mr Patel's full story is available at <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/hardik-patel/>

Applications for the first test close on 7 December. Healthcare professionals can apply through the OET website at <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/> OET is offered 12 times per year. The OET test dates are available at <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information/test-dates-locations/>

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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. It is taken by healthcare professionals wanting to practise in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore and results are accepted by health regulatory boards and councils, for visas in Australia and New Zealand, and entrance into healthcare courses.

OET is available in over 70 venues in 30 countries. It is owned by Cambridge Boxhill Language Assessment, a venture between Cambridge English and Box Hill Institute, Australia. For more information visit

<http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/>

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