



Northern Ireland Practice
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Occupational English Test (OET)

OET is the Occupational English Test created to assess the English language skills of international healthcare professionals applying to work in the UK. OET comprises of four sections: Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing. To find out more, click on the link: <https://www.oet.com/>

Question 1 OET applies to the following healthcare professionals:

Dentistry	Dietetics	Nursing	Speech and Language Therapy
Pharmacy	Podiatry	Optometry	Radiography
Medicine	Occupational Therapy		Veterinary Science

Question 2 Which English test is right for me? OET or IELTS?

OET has only one format designed to assess the language skills specifically for healthcare professionals. IELTS offers more test formats being Academic and General Training. IELTS is more versatile as it caters to a wider range of purposes, making it a better option for those seeking academic or general employment opportunities.

Question 3 What level do I need to achieve in OET?

You need to achieve a minimum of Level B in speaking, listening, reading and Level C+ in writing. Please see table below:

The OET Grade Scale

A	Very high level of performance
B	High level of performance
C+	Very Good Level
C	Good Level
D	Moderate Level
E	Low Level

Question 4 **How do I book for my OET?**

You can book your test online at <https://oet.com/test/book-a-test>/OET is held once a month in over 40 countries at one of 110 locations which could be an exam centre, an English language school or a reputable university. OET is usually held on the second or third Saturdays of each month.

Question 5 **Are there any available resources online?**

Please visit the following links to access preparation materials and sample tests:

Preparation portal: <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/preparation-portal/>

Study Guide: <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/oet-study-guide/>

Tips and advice: Facebook page @OfficialOET

Question 6 **When will I receive my OET results?**

Results are published online, 16 business days after the test.

Your certificate will be posted to you approximately 7 days after the results are issued online.

Question 7 **How long are my results valid for?**

Your results are valid for 2 years from the date your certificate was issued.

Question 8 **Can I appeal for my OET results?**

You may request a re-mark of your test results within 5 days of results being issued online. There is a fee of \$120 for each re-marked sub-test.

Question 9 **Can I combine two test sittings?**

Yes, you can combine your 2 test sittings provided:

You sit the tests within the six months of each other; and

You are tested in all four fields at the same time; and

All grades in both test sittings are above Grade C+ and you achieve Grade B or higher in all four fields when both of the test sittings are viewed together.

Question 10 **How much does OET costs?**

The OET costs \$587AUD, this equates to £329 GBP including a booking fee. An online preparation package, practice tests, masterclasses and daily language tips are included in the price.