

OET Impact Study highlights

Key findings and impacts on international nurse integration into the NHS

Our latest research¹ demonstrates how the OET Test enhances the integration of international nurses by focusing on real-world healthcare communication skills. Learn how our impact in the UK healthcare sector can benefit your business.

¹Séguis, B., & Karakoc, A. I. (2024). The social impact of OET: A multi-stakeholder evaluation of introducing OET in the UK. Cambridge University Press & Assessment.

Faster integration

OET accelerates integration



"Since the introduction of (the OET Test), we have seen international nurses integrate into the NHS faster."

- Healthcare Recruiter

Cost-effectiveness

OET reduces costs associated with repeated test attempts



"Even if it is more expensive, I felt like I've got more advantage if I'm going to take (the OET Test) rather than me going for an English test that just questions about anything in the world."

(Nurse, working in the UK)

"I am explaining to somebody, with OET you just do it once, but for the other English test you may have to do it twice, so eventually the price will be the same."

(Nurse, working in the UK)

Real-world relevance

OET Test content reflects real workplace scenarios, making it the preferred choice



The majority of international nurses now submit OET Test scores for professional registration in the UK.

- NMC Data

"OET was my first choice, I decided it was more specific than the IELTS because the IELTS is quite general. The OET is more medical English, so it's easier than the IELTS from a medical perspective."

(Nurse, working in the UK)

OSCE success

Preparing for the OET Test prepares you for OSCE



"So I think IELTS is much more in a general aspect, which has nothing to do with nursing ... but OET actually gives you a platform. You know how to actually speak to a patient in UK. So, it's much more helpful."

(Clinical educator, UK)

What our candidates and educators say

"And because you have been trained for the OET Speaking, you actually find it much more comfortable talking aloud when you come in [for an OSCE], and when you are doing things, you feel more confident."

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