

# **OET Preparation Provider Programme**

## Quality assurance for OET preparation

A comprehensive training programme, giving teachers and educational institutions the knowledge and tools needed to run high-quality OET preparation courses.

### What is OET?

OET is an international English language proficiency test for healthcare professionals. Recognised world-wide by immigration departments, healthcare boards and councils, and leading education institutions, OET is accepted as proof of English proficiency for health professionals seeking to work and study in an English-speaking environment.

# What is the Preparation Provider Programme?

The Preparation Provider Programme (PPP) is a comprehensive process designed to give teachers and educational institutions the knowledge and tools to run high-quality OET preparation courses. The programme was designed in consultation with OET experts, experienced teachers and assessors. Completing PPP assures OET preparation course quality for teachers, schools and students.

### Benefits of the Preparation Provider Programme

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> Participation in the Preparation Provider Programme benefits teachers, schools and students. It helps you develop the skills, knowledge and lesson materials you need to deliver a comprehensive OET preparation curriculum. Armed with high-quality preparation materials delivered by excellent teachers, your learners are more likely to be successful and provide powerful word-of-mouth recommendations to future students.

In addition, preparation providers who have successfully completed the programme will be listed on the OET website – a highly effective platform for promoting your business.

> Finally, ongoing engagement with OET through the Preparation Provider Programme will ensure you are provided with the latest resources and materials to keep your course up-to-date.

# Who is the Preparation Provider Programme for?

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It is for educational institutions and teachers currently preparing students for the OET, or those interested in starting a new course.

Only preparation providers who have successfully completed the programme will be listed on the OET website, so all current and potential providers are recommended to register for the Preparation Provider Programme.

To enable teachers and educational institutions to reach their full training potential, there are two streams available: Preliminary and Premium.

## What does the Preparation Provider Programme include?

The programme will be delivered via Moodle, an online learning platform you can access anytime, anywhere, on any device.

The sample materials used in the programme have been created by trained OET experts and are exclusively available to teachers enrolled in Preparation Provider Programme.

The lessons are provided in two stages: all eligible preparation providers receive free access to the Preliminary training. Providers who successfully complete Preliminary are invited to express interest in continuing to Premium.

### What is Preliminary Provider status?

Preliminary Provider status is awarded to private tutors or educational institutions who successfully complete the Preliminary training AND assignment and includes listing on the OET website. A digital knowledge badge is available to all teachers who complete the Preliminary training. Access to Preliminary is free.

### What is Premium Provider status?

After reaching Preliminary Provider status, those eligible are encouraged to express interest in progressing to Premium Provider status.

> Premium Provider status is awarded to private tutors and educational institutions who complete the Premium training and assignments.

### **Preliminary Training**

## Lesson 1: Induction

This lesson focuses on general information about the Preparation Provider Programme including:

- > What is PPP?
- > Teacher qualification checkpoint.
- TESOL qualification required for entry

#### Lesson 2: Overview

This lesson focuses on general information about OET including:

- > What is OET?
- > OET recognition and scoring

#### Lesson 3: OET Teaching

This lesson focuses on teaching skills:

- ${\mbox{\scriptsize >}}$  A detailed look at each of the four OET sub-tests
- > OET Teaching best practice
- > The Preliminary assignment: how to address common weaknesses OET students have in the teaching setting.

# What benefits will I get as a Premium Provider?

As well as the benefits from being best placed to provide outstanding OET Preparation, Premium Provider status also gives you the following:

- > Priority listing on the OET website
- > Use of the OET Premium Provider logo

> Access to the OET Promotional Toolkit which contains marketing materials

> Promotion to OET candidates through targeted emails listing Premium Providers

## **Premium Training**

#### Lesson 4: OET Test Experience

This lesson focuses on gaining a more detailed understand of OET and includes:

> Test Experience assignment – analysis and reflection on an official practice test

#### Lesson 5: Materials Development

This lesson focuses on developing your OET teaching practice using English for Specific Purposes theory and techniques.

> Materials Development assignment - applying the skills you have learnt in the previous four lessons to create OET lesson plans and associated resources.

#### How to apply

For more information about PPP and to apply, go to: www.occupationalenglishtest.org/teachers

### To find out more about OET and the Preparation Provider Programme, contact:

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The Occupational English Test (OET) is designed to meet the specific English language needs of the healthcare sector. It assesses the language proficiency of healthcare professionals who wish to register and practise in an English-speaking environment.

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