

# How to get Gold Standard in OET Medicine to get ECFMG Certification

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Writing  
45 mins



Speaking  
20 mins



Reading  
60 mins



Listening  
45 mins

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, achieving the gold standard in OET medicine requires a combination of diligent preparation and a strategic approach. By following this strategy, IMGs can prepare efficiently for this exam and attain the required score to be eligible for ECFMG certification. With smart and goal-oriented practice, test takers can achieve the gold standard in OET medicine and take their professional development to the next level.

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## OBJECTIVES

1. To provide an overview of the Occupational English Test (OET) Medicine.
2. To outline the specific requirements for achieving the Gold Standard in the OET Medicine.
3. To highlight tips and strategies for efficiently preparing for this exam.
4. To help the test-takers optimize their performance, knowing the exam structure, timing, and scoring criteria.
5. To encourage students to take advantage of available resources, such as practice exams, study materials, and tutoring services, to ensure success.
6. To inspire confidence and motivation in test-takers.

## SUMMARY

Familiarize yourself with the OET test structure.

About the OET sub-tests:

Reading (60 minutes)

- Part A:15 minutes; assesses your ability to locate specific information in a text then answer 20 MCQs about it. These questions consist of sentence-completion, matching words to the text, and short-answer questions.
- Part B and C: 45 minutes; assess careful reading. Part B: 3 MCQs, Part C: 8 MCQs [1][2]

Listening (45 minutes)

- Part A: 2 recorded consultations; complete a health note from that information.
- Part B: 6 short workplace recordings; 1 MCQ each
- Part C: 2 recorded healthcare interviews or presentations; 6 MCQs each[1][2]

Writing (45 minutes)

- This section is specific to your profession and is based on a typical workplace interaction
- Write a letter e.g., letters of referral, discharge, or patient transfer. Related case notes will be provided and they must be mentioned in the letter. [1][2]

Speaking (20 minutes)

- Two script-guided role-plays related to the profession.
- You will be given 3 minutes to prepare for each scenario and you will take your professional role while the interlocutor will be patient. [1][2]

Applicants must attain minimum 300 on the Writing sub-test & minimum 350 on the rest in one test administration. [3]

Gold-standard badge is issued on achieving a Grade B (350) or higher in one test sitting for each of the OET sub-tests (Listening, Reading, Speaking & Writing).[4]

Take the free sample tests for OET Medicine on the OET website and score yourself using the answer key.

If your initial score is below 350, watch the videos uploaded by the OET and try to attend their live sessions so that your questions are answered. find the areas which need improvement.

If still need for improvement, try to join Online test preparation websites like E2language.com. They have a 14-days free trial period with live classes and sample tests.

## INTRODUCTION

Following indefinite suspension of the USMLE Step 2 CS [5], it has been replaced by the OET Medicine, which evaluates the clinical communication proficiency of test-takers in virtual healthcare scenarios. While this exam does not directly test clinical skills, it does assess one's English language proficiency in a virtual healthcare setting. The poster includes comprehensive overview of the exam structure and provides guidelines for efficiently preparing for the exam. By following these guidelines, test-takers can navigate through the OET Medicine exam and maximize their chances of success.

## METHOD

A comprehensive review of the available resources including Google Scholar was done and the relevant data was collected. Through careful screening and stringent analysis of the data, these strategies were selected keeping in mind both the financial and educational aspects of the exam preparation.

## RESULTS

1. Register for the OET test using your USMLE/ECFMG ID
2. Using OET website as the primary resource, familiarize yourself with the test format.
3. Practice the sample tests on the OET website, watch their tutorials and videos; attend their live classes and get your questions answered.
4. The Reading sub-test: Part A – expeditious reading. Part B & C – careful reading[1][2]
5. For the writing test, performance is scored against: Purpose, Content, Conciseness & Clarity, Genre & Style, Organization & Layout & Language.[1] Try to write a letter for the sample tests and assess your own letter against the criteria listed on the OET website.
6. The Speaking sub-test: audio recording is assessed against Linguistic and Clinical Communication Criteria. Practice with another person and try to make audio recordings of your dialogue. Then score it against the criteria listed on the OET website. Speak clearly and do not mumble. Speaking with an accent is okay as long as you are easily understood.
7. The Listening sub-test: You will hear each recording ONCE; write your answers while listening. Be very attentive and skim through the written part quickly before playing the audio recording.

Week-4

### Register and get familiar with test format

Register for OET; Practice sample test questions on the OET website; watch tutorial videos, lectures

Week-3

### Grade yourself and gather resources

Using the sample tests, grade where you stand. If any deficiency, focus on that; use resources at your disposal to improve on it.

Week-1

### Practice

Record your audio conversations, practice listening, writing and reading. Practice as much as needed per test sub-section.

Test Day

### Relax and give it your best

it is best to take any exam stress-free in order to perform optimally. Take a deep breath and meet it head-on.