

**WHAT OET AND IELTS
SCORES DO HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS NEED TO
WORK IN THE UK?**



Minimum scores required for OET and IELTS

Profession	OET	IELTS
Doctor	350 (B) in each paper	7.0 in each paper 7.5 overall
Nurse	350 (B) in Reading, Listening, Speaking 300 (C+) in Writing	7.0 in Reading, Listening, Speaking 6.5 in Writing
Pharmacist	350 (B) in each paper	7.0 in each paper
Dentist	N/A	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Vet	350 (B) in 3 papers 300 (C+) in 1 paper 350 (B) overall	7.0 in 3 papers 6.5 in 1 paper 7.0 overall
Chiropodist/podiatrist	300 (C+) in each paper 1400 (B) overall	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Dietitian	300 (C+) in each paper 1400 (B) overall	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Occupational therapist	300 (C+) in each paper 1400 (B) overall	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Physiotherapist	300 (C+) in each paper 1400 (B) overall	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Radiographer	300 (C+) in each paper 1400 (B) overall	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Speech and language therapist	400 (high B) in each paper 1800 (A) overall	7.5 in each paper 8.0 overall
Other Allied Health Professions	N/A	6.5 in each paper 7.0 overall
Healthcare support worker	N/A	4.0 in each paper 4.0 overall
Social carer	N/A	4.0 in each paper 4.0 overall



NOTES:

- Nurses** can combine scores from two sittings within 12 months as long as no score is under C+ in OET (C in Writing) or 6.5 in IELTS (6.0 in Writing).
- The rules for **dentists** extend to other dental professions including nurses, therapists, hygienists, technicians and orthodontic therapists.
- The scores stated for **healthcare support workers** and **social carers** are those stated as the minimum by the Health and Care Worker visa.

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