

Language Scale Comparisons

OET grade	OET score	OET descriptor	IELTS equivalent (approximate)	CEFR equivalent & descriptor	Cambridge English Scale (CES)	Global Scale of English (GSE) (approximate)
A	500-450	Can communicate very fluently and effectively with patients and health professionals using appropriate register, tone and lexis. Shows complete understanding of any kind of written or spoken language	8.0-9.0	C2 PROFICIENT USER - mastery or proficiency	200-230	86 - 90
B	440-350	Can communicate effectively with patients and health professionals using appropriate register, tone and lexis, with only occasional inaccuracies and hesitations. Shows good understanding in a range of clinical contexts.	7.0-7.5	C1-C1+ PROFICIENT USER - Effective operational proficiency or advanced	185 - 199	80 - 85
C+	440-300	Can maintain the interaction in a relevant healthcare environment despite occasional errors and lapses, and follow standard spoken language normally encountered in his/her field of specialisation.	6.5	B2+ to C1- PROFICIENT USER - Vantage or upper intermediate Effective operational proficiency or advanced	176 - 184	76 - 79
C	290-200		5.5-6.0	B2- to B2+ INDEPENDENT USER - Vantage or upper intermediate	163 - 175	60 - 75
D	190-100	Can maintain some interaction and understand straightforward factual interaction in his/her field of specialisation, but may ask for clarification. Frequent errors, inaccuracies and mis- or overuse of technical language can cause strain in communication.	less than 5.5	B1- to B2- INDEPENDENT USER - Threshold or intermediate	142 - 162	44-59
E	90-0	Can manage simple interaction on familiar topics and understand the main point in short, simple messages, provided he/she can ask for clarification. High density of errors and mis- or overuse of technical language can cause significant strain and breakdowns in communication.		A1 to B1- BASIC USER - Beginner or breakthrough - Waystage or elementary Early threshold or very low intermediate	80 - 141	10 - 43