

## Refugees as Medical Professionals (RAMP) scheme

If you are a refugee and a medical professional (for example, a doctor, nurse, midwife, pharmacist or vet), RSD offers support to help you qualify to work in the UK.

### What is RAMP?

Refugees in the UK are eligible to work as medical/healthcare professionals, but to qualify to work in the UK, you must pass exams to demonstrate English language proficiency, such as OET or IELTS before taking specialist medical knowledge exams, such as PLAB for doctors.

RAMP (Refugees as Medical Professionals) is a scheme set up by Refugee Support Devon to support refugee medical professionals to qualify to work in the UK.

We have already supported several refugees, who can now continue their medical career in the UK.

The RAMP scheme is open for applications from refugee medical professionals of any nationality.

### What do we offer?

We are an accredited Preliminary Preparation Provider for OET and all our tutors are qualified EFL teachers who have undergone specialist OET training.

We also work with teams of British medical professionals with a wide range of specialisms who provide professional input to help with exam preparation for the OET exam and the following relevant medical knowledge and skills exams, such as PLAB 1 and 2, or their equivalent in other medical areas.

We offer support to help you prepare for the following exams:

- [OET](#) - Occupational English Test
- [IELTS](#) – International English Testing System
- [PLAB](#) – Professional and Linguistic Board test (for doctors)

### Who can register for the RAMP scheme?

Refugees of any nationality can apply for the scheme. For now, our scheme is limited to refugees who live in Devon.

To apply, you must already have a **post-intermediate level of English** in all four skills areas (reading, writing, speaking and listening) or a recent 6 overall score in IELTS.

### Interested in joining the RAMP scheme?

Please complete a referral form [here](#).

Have any questions? Email Denise Parker, our Coordinator for Education & Employability, on [education@refugeesupportdevon.org.uk](mailto:education@refugeesupportdevon.org.uk)

**More information:**

[Information for overseas doctors](#) - NHS

<https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/test-information/> OET

**Hear from someone who already benefitted from our RAMP scheme:**

As part of my re-qualification journey as a refugee/asylum seeking medical doctor in the UK, I needed to pass the English Language exam namely OET or IELTS. In order to do that, I had to take a preparatory course. The prep course was costly and I could not afford it because as an asylum seeker I do not have permission to work nor any access to public fund. The RSD booked the OET preparatory course, paid for my travel costs from Plymouth to Exmouth and back and arranged my accommodation during the course period in Exmouth. At the end of the course, I took the OET and as a result, I passed the OET which is a major step in my re-qualification process.

I believe such support from the RSD is very important in empowering refugees/asylum seekers towards their self-sufficiency, integration in the society and confidence building. I am very grateful to the RSD for this great contribution to my goal and I hope that the RSD continues to provide support to asylum seekers and refugees this way or any other way that helps their sustainability and self-reliance.

Dr Elyas Ghayasi

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