



OET WRITING SUB-TEST
RADIOGRAPHY

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2026 EDITION

FREE SAMPLE



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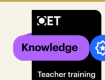
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In this sample

CASE	WRITING TASK	LETTER TYPE
No. 1	Explanation: delayed mobile chest X-ray	Letter of explanation
No. 2	Complaint response: emergency X-ray waiting time	Response to a complaint

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How the OET Writing sub-test works

- You have 45 minutes in total: 5 minutes to read the case notes and 40 minutes to write.
- You write ONE letter (usually a referral, discharge or transfer letter) to the person named in the task, using only the information in the case notes.
- The body of the letter should be about 180 to 200 words. Select the relevant notes; do not copy everything.
- Your letter is assessed on six criteria: Purpose, Content, Conciseness and Clarity, Genre and Style, Organisation and Layout, and Language.
- Each case here is set out exactly as it appears in the exam, and every case is written fresh for 2026 and calibrated to the current exam difficulty index.

Get your letter corrected

- Write your letter under exam conditions (45 minutes, no dictionary, no notes).
- Then, for corrections, visit cliniverba.com. Our OET-trained team marks your letter against all six criteria and shows you exactly what to fix.
- Practise, get corrected, and repeat. That is how our students clear the Writing sub-test.

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CASE 1 OF 2

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES · WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Case 1: Explanation: delayed mobile chest X-ray

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 12 March 2026.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT (received 11 Mar 2026)

11 Mar 2026

Radiographer in Charge, X-ray Department, Northbridge General Hospital, Newtown

Dear Radiographer,

I am writing about my patient, Mr Leon Marsh (Ward 4), who had a nasogastric tube inserted at 2.30pm on 10 Mar 2026. A mobile chest X-ray to confirm tube position was requested at 3.00pm and clearly marked urgent, as feeding could not begin until correct placement was confirmed. However, the X-ray was not performed until 7.15am the following morning. As a result, Mr Marsh went without feeds and several regular medications for approximately 16 hours.

I would appreciate an explanation of this delay, and your assurance that urgent mobile X-ray requests will be completed more promptly in future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sarah Patel, Consultant Physician

MOBILE X-RAY LOG: 10 Mar 2026, PM shift (extracts)

Time	Ward	Patient	Exam	Comments
2.40	6	Kaur	CXR	?consolidation: completed 3.05
3.00	4	Marsh	CXR: NG tube position	Request received: marked urgent
3.15	ED Resus	Duffy	CXR + pelvis	Multi-trauma: mobile unit required in Resus 3.15-5.00
5.10	4	Marsh	CXR: NG tube position	1st attempt: nurses attending pt (personal care), asked to return later
5.45	ICU	Deng	CXR	Post central line insertion: ICU priority
6.30	4	Marsh	CXR: NG tube position	2nd attempt: ward round in progress, Dr with pt, asked to return later
8.00	4	Marsh	CXR: NG tube position	3rd attempt: no nurse free to assist positioning; on-call radiographer then called to ED trauma
7.15am (11 Mar)	4	Marsh	CXR: NG tube position	Completed on first morning round; images available 7.30am; ward phoned

EQUIPMENT STATUS

- Mobile X-ray unit 2 out of service since 08 Mar 2026: awaiting replacement part; engineer expected 13 Mar
- Single mobile unit currently covering all wards, ICU and Emergency: resuscitation and ICU examinations take priority

DEPARTMENT ACTIONS (11-12 Mar 2026)

- Incident reviewed at staff meeting 11 Mar
- Interim protocol: urgent mobile requests to be phoned through to duty radiographer; escalation to Radiographer in Charge if not completed within 2 hours
- Wards to be given estimated arrival time; nursing staff asked to have pt available
- Loan mobile unit requested from regional imaging service: expected 13 Mar
- Apology to be conveyed to pt and ward team

WRITING TASK

You are the Radiographer in Charge of the X-ray Department at Northbridge General Hospital, Newtown. Dr Sarah Patel, Consultant Physician, has complained that her patient, Mr Leon Marsh, waited overnight for a mobile chest X-ray to confirm the position of his nasogastric tube. Using the information in the documents below, write a letter of explanation in response to Dr Patel's complaint. Address the letter to: Dr Sarah Patel, Consultant Physician, Ward 4, Northbridge General Hospital, Newtown.

In your answer:

- Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences
- Do not use note form
- Use letter format

The body of the letter should be approximately **180-200 words**.



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CASE 2 OF 2

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES · WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Case 2: Complaint response: emergency X-ray waiting time

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 17 June 2026.

MEMO

To	Dr Frances Iles, Director of Radiology
From	Dr Marcus Webb, Director of Emergency Medicine
Date	15 June 2026
Subject	X-ray waiting time: Emergency Department

Dear Frances,

On Saturday evening (13 June), a patient of mine, Ms Tara Holt, waited 90 minutes for an ankle X-ray after being referred from triage. She was in considerable pain, and the delay held up her treatment and discharge and contributed to overcrowding in the department. I would be concerned if waits of this length became usual for minor injuries. Could you please look into this?

Regards,

Marcus

1. RADIOGRAPHY DEPT PATIENT LOG: Saturday, 13 June 2026 (extracts)

Radiographers on evening duty: J. Ferraro; L. Okoro (sick, not replaced)

Time	Referral	Pt name	Exam	Comments
6.20	ED	MABEY	CXR	?pneumonia
6.40	ED	HOLT	L. ANKLE	Request received: inversion injury
6.55	ED Resus	DRAKOS	Trauma series	MVA, multi-trauma: priority
7.20	ED Resus	DRAKOS	CT head, C-spine, abdomen	Radiographer required in CT suite
7.45	WD 2	SORENSEN	CXR	NG tube position: urgent, feeds withheld
8.10	ED	HOLT	L. ANKLE	Completed: images available 8.20
8.25	ED	PILLAY	R. WRIST	Fall on outstretched hand

2. PHONE LOG: Saturday, 13 June 2026 (extracts)

- 6.55: ED: trauma call, MVA arriving, radiographer to Resus immediately
- 7.05: ED triage nurse informed of delay for minor injuries; estimate given 60-90 min
- 7.30: ED asked re Holt, advised radiographer in CT with trauma pt, will attend ASAP
- 8.20: ED informed Holt images available

3. DEPARTMENTAL POLICY (extracts)

- Resuscitation, major trauma and time-critical inpatient examinations take priority over non-urgent examinations

- Calling in on-call staff is at the discretion of the radiographer on duty; staff sickness is not, in itself, grounds for recall
- On-call staff require 45 minutes' notice

DEPARTMENT NOTES (15-17 June 2026)

- Review completed: single radiographer managed 14 examinations 6.00-10.00pm, incl. multi-trauma + CT
- Business case for guaranteed second radiographer on weekend evenings submitted to hospital management 16 June
- Agreed with ED Nurse Unit Manager: ED to receive hourly waiting-time estimates during single-cover periods

WRITING TASK

You are the Chief Radiographer at Bayfield Public Hospital, Sandale. The Director of Emergency Medicine, Dr Marcus Webb, has written to the Director of Radiology about the time a patient with an ankle injury waited for an X-ray last Saturday evening, and you have been asked to respond on behalf of the department. Using the information in the documents below, write a letter responding to Dr Webb's memo. Address the letter to: Dr Marcus Webb, Director of Emergency Medicine, Bayfield Public Hospital, Sandale.

In your answer:

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The body of the letter should be approximately **180-200 words**.



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