

The Passport (Offences) Act, 1952

(ACT NO. LVI OF 1952)

An Act to introduce legislation declaring forgery of a passport or a false statement in an application for a passport to be punishable offences. ^{1♣}

WHEREAS it is expedient to make more effective provision for the prevention of certain offences relating to passports and other travel documents;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Passport (Offences) Act, 1952.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh and also applies to all citizens of Bangladesh wherever they may be.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definition

2. In this Act the word “passport” means and includes any permit, visa or other travel document authorising the holder thereof to travel from Bangladesh to any other country, or from any other country to Bangladesh.

**Penalties
for certain
offences
relating to
passport**

3. (1) Any person who,-

(a) makes, attests or verifies any statement which he does not know or believe to be true in any document which he knows or has reason to think will be used for obtaining a passport; or

(b) makes use of any statement which he knows or has reason to think to be untrue in any document for obtaining a passport; or

(c) wilfully conceals any fact which under the circumstances he ought to disclose for the purpose of obtaining a passport for himself or another person; or