

**Bangladesh High Commission**  
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**Press Release**

**Modification in requirements for ‘No Visa Required for Travel to Bangladesh’ seal**

In order to streamline the travel of naturalised citizens of other countries (except the SAARC countries) of Bangladeshi origin, their wives and children, the Government of Bangladesh has recently updated the requirements for issuance of ‘No Visa Required for Travel to Bangladesh’ seal in the foreign passports. Salient features of the modifications are as follows:

1. Nationals of Bangladesh by origin or by birth who have become nationals of other countries shall have to produce **valid Bangladesh passport** while applying for the ‘No Visa Required..’ seal.
2. Children and foreign wife of naturalised citizen of other country (i.e. Australia/New Zealand) but of Bangladesh origin will be eligible for the seal. In such cases, **valid Bangladesh passport** of the father/mother/husband shall have to be produced along with the birth certificate of the children (in case of application concerning children) or marriage certificate (in case of application concerning foreign wife).
3. Children and foreign wife of Bangladesh national will be eligible for the seal. In such cases, **valid Bangladesh passport** of the father/mother/husband shall have to be produced along with the birth certificate of the children (in case of application concerning children) or marriage certificate (in case of application concerning foreign wife).
4. All the applicants of this seal shall have to **pay the relevant fee (A\$ 105.00)** for obtaining the seal. This seal will remain valid as long as the foreign passport remains valid. Upon expiry of the foreign passport, holder of such seal will be allowed to transfer the seal to his/her new foreign passport **without any fee**. In such cases, applicants shall have to produce the expired foreign passport containing the seal and a photocopy of the passport (only the front page containing personal details and the page containing the seal of the foreign passport)
5. All the applicants must apply for this seal in the prescribed form BF 12 available in our website <http://users.cyberone.com.au/bdeshact> fulfilling all the necessary formalities mentioned there.
6. Foreign nationals of Bangladesh origin will not be allowed to use his/her Bangladesh passport unless they obtain dual nationality.

These modifications will be effective immediately.

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