

Bangladesh High Commission

Canberra

Press Release

Urgent fee to be charged at the Consular Camp in Sydney

Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra decides to rationalise the consular fee charged on Bangladesh nationals living in different parts of Australia. In view of this, applicants from Sydney wishing to get their Bangladesh passport renewed or endorsed will be required to pay urgent fee since they receive the service on an urgent basis and on the same day. It may be mentioned that any applicant from all over Australia and New Zealand wishing to get their passport renewed or endorsed on an urgent basis from our Canberra office have to pay urgent fee. Accordingly, following fee structure will be applicable for applications received in our Sydney Consular Camp Office in Homebush from January 2007:

Urgent fee to be paid by applicants in the Consular Camp in Sydney (in A\$)

01	Renewal of Passport (5 years)	285.00
02	Fees payable for Renewal of Passport (for a year or a part thereof)	57.00
03	Endorsement in Bangladesh Passport (Inclusion of children/change of name or date of birth etc)	141.00

Fee for all other services (No Visa, visa and attestation) will remain unchanged.

Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra also announces the schedule of the Consular Camp in Sydney (5/9 Rochester Street, Homebush, NSW 2140 Phone: 9764 5882) for the period of January – June 2007. Consular services will be offered from the Camp Office on the following dates:

January	20-21
February	10-11
March	10-11 & 24-25
April	14-15 & 28-29
May	12-13 & 26-27
June	09-10 & 23-24

Consular services will be provided from 0900 hrs to 1700 hrs on the first day and from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs on the second day. The High Commission reserves the right to amend the schedule. Prospective applicants are advised to confirm the timetable by visiting our website <http://users.cyberone.com.au/bdeshact> or by sending email at

bdeshact@cyberone.com.au or by calling us on (02) 6290 0511 during office hours nearer to the scheduled date.

Please note that following consular services are available from this camp office:

(a) Passport Renewal (b) Endorsement in Bangladesh Passport (inclusion of children/change of name etc) (c) 'No Visa Required' stamp in Australian/New Zealand passport (d) Visa (tourist, business etc) and (e) Attestation (power of attorney or other documents).

Following services are NOT available from our camp office:

(a) Issuance of new passport in place of 10 or more years old passport (b) Issuance of new passport in place of lost passport. Such cases must be posted to our Canberra office fulfilling all the requirements and enclosing a self addressed registered envelope.

All payments must be made in the mode of Postal Money Order or Bank Cheque as we DO NOT accept cash, credit card, eftpos or personal cheque. Applicants are highly advised to have their money order or bank cheque prepared during week days as most post offices and banks are closed on weekends. However, Homebush Post Office which is situated near the camp office remains open till 1200 hrs on Saturday but is not open on Sundays. Fee for consular services of multiple applicants (for e.g. members of a family) of different natures (for e.g. application of 'No visa required' stamp and visa by separate applicants) must be paid in different cheques/money orders but of similar natures may be combined in one cheque /money order. This Mission would repeat the advice that cash will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.

This Mission would like to request those who intend to have their consular works done from our camp office to have all their queries cleared by visiting our website <http://users.cyberone.com.au/bdeshact> or by sending email at bdeshact@cyberone.com.au or by calling us on weekdays. Frequent phone calls in the consular camp office disrupts the normal discharge of service by only two officials in the camp office that ultimately results in delay and sufferings to the service seekers already present in the camp office.

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