



# Returning to Bangladesh



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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Bangladesh.

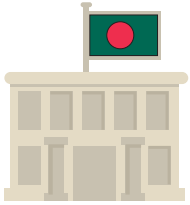
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## Your Embassy in the UK

### High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh

28 Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JA  
**Tel:** 020 7584 0081 **Fax:** 020 7581 7477  
**Email:** info@bhclondon.org.uk  
**www.bhclondon.org.uk**  
Consular Section Monday to Thursday 10.00-13.00,  
Friday 10.00-12.30



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## Travel documents

A valid Bangladeshi passport can be used to remove you from the UK to Bangladesh. If you hold a Bangladeshi passport which expired within the last two years you can apply for a passport extension. You can do this by providing your expired passport, a passport application form and two passport photographs to the Bangladeshi High Commission.

If you do not have a passport an application for an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) will need to be submitted. The Bangladeshi High Commission will interview all applicants for an ETD either over the telephone or face to face. This will be organised by the Home Office. To facilitate the ETD application process you will need to submit supporting evidence of your nationality such as old passports, copies of passports, national identity card, birth certificate, driving license or similar.



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## Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Bangladesh as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Bangladeshi High Commission to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



**You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return.**

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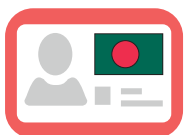
## Documentation in Bangladesh

### National Identity Card

All Bangladeshi citizens who are over the age of 18 and are eligible to vote have the right to obtain a National Identity Card (NID). To be eligible to vote you need to be resident in one of Bangladesh's electoral districts and have your name on the voting register. Therefore, before you can apply for an NID you will need to see the District Electoral Office in the area in which you are residing to get your name on the electoral roll. You can then apply for a NID through the National Identity Registration Wing (NIDW) of the Electoral Commission Bangladesh. NIDs are important to prove identity when voting in elections, opening a bank account or when obtaining a driving license or passport.

### National ID Wing (NIDW)

Islamic Foundation Bhaban (6th- 9th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**www.nidw.gov.bd.**



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### Tax Identification Number (TIN)

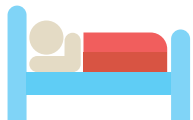
Taxpayers are required to have a TIN number. A TIN number may be required when buying property and opening a bank account and is required in order to submit tax returns. TINs are allocated by the National Board of Revenue(NBR).

#### NBR TIN Registration

**Helpline:** 09611-777111

**Email:** info@incometax.gov.bd

**www.incometax.gov.bd**



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### Accommodation

Bangladesh suffers from a shortage of affordable housing both in the urban and rural areas. Access to shelter or housing is difficult for the low and middle income groups of people and it is extremely acute for the poor. While the government has recognised the crisis in housing action to remedy it is extremely slow.



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### Health

Health services in Bangladesh are provided by a combination of government provision, private care and Non Governmental Organisation provision. Access to services is poor particularly in rural areas and even government provision tends to be charged with a fee to see a doctor, fees for medication and for other treatment resources.



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### Emergency support

Bangladesh has almost no existing welfare system. Non governmental and religious organisations provide some minimal assistance.



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### Employment, education and training

Primary education is compulsory for all children and free, but in theory additional costs for school materials, exams etc. plus lack of facilities mean that large numbers of children do not regularly attend school. Secondary education is also government funded but again, additional costs and lack of facilities mean that it is beyond the reach of many of the poorest children.

Although there is some limited government funded tertiary and higher education, it is very difficult to access.

#### Skills training

The website of the Bangladesh Technical Education board contains details of vocational short courses and diplomas. Information can be found at **www.bteb.gov.bd**

Organisations that may be able to provide information about skills training include the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET). BMET provide vocational and technical training courses at centres across the country.

#### Bureau of Manpower, Employment & Training (BMET)

89/2 Kakrail, Dhaka 1000

**Tel:** +880-2-9357972, 9349925

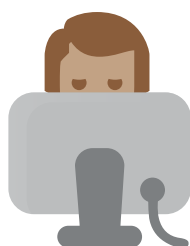
#### Employment

The following websites contain job listings:

**www.alljobsbd.com www.bdjobs.com**

#### How to Start a New Business

If you wish to start a new business in Bangladesh you will need to register the company name at the Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms. This Office accords registration of Companies, Associations and Partnership Firms under the Companies Act, other related acts, rules, orders and ensures lawful administration of them. Both private limited companies and the private limited companies has there own rules. Depending on the type of the business it may also have to obtain license or certificate from BSTI, BRTA, etc.



## Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms

TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

### Qualifications

If you studied in the UK you may have certificates proving you have skills and qualifications which may help you to get a job. However, employers in Bangladesh may not recognise these qualifications. If this is the case, you can contact the British Council who may be able to verify any qualifications issued by an accredited UK institution. You will need to provide the original document.

The British Council in Bangladesh have their main office in Dhaka.

### British Council

5 Fuller Road, Dhaka 1000

**Tel:** + 88 09666 773377 **Fax:** + 88 02 861 3255

**Email:** [bd.enquiries@britishcouncil.org](mailto:bd.enquiries@britishcouncil.org)

**www.britishcouncil.org/bangladesh**

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## Directory

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### Ashar Alo Society (AAS)

House # 8/1, Aurangajeb Road (2nd Floor), Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

**Tel:** +880 2 9133968 **Fax:** +880 2 8115433

**Email:** [habiba\\_aas@yahoo.com](mailto:habiba_aas@yahoo.com)

Testing, counselling and treatment for people with HIV/AIDS, income generating activities and a day centre.

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### Bandhu Social Welfare Society

99 Kakrail (2nd & 3rd Floor), Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

**Tel:** +880 2 9339898, +880 2 9356868 **Fax:** +880 2 9330148

Support and services including counselling, education, advice, information and access to sexual health services for lesbian, gay, transgender and intersex people.

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### BRAC

BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh

**Tel:** 88-02-9881265, 88-02-8824180

**24-hour Help Line:** 01199-830465 **Fax:** 88-02-8823614, 88-02-9883542

**Email:** [hrd@brac.net](mailto:hrd@brac.net)

**www.brac.net/content/brac-bangladesh**

BRAC is a large non-governmental organisation with offices across Bangladesh. They run a range of programmes including reintegration assistance for migrants and their families, microfinance, skills development and community health services.

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### Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

National Headquarters, 684-686 Bara Maghbazar Dhaka 1217, Bangladesh

**Tel:** (880) (2) 8319366/ 9330188 / 9330189

**Fax:** (880) (2) 8311908 / 9352303

**Email:** [ingo@bdracs.org](mailto:ingo@bdracs.org)

Services included family tracing and provision of medical care.

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### Caritas Bangladesh

2, Outer Circular Road Shantibagh, Dhaka-1217

**Postal address:** G.P.O. Box : 994, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

**Tel:** +880 2 8315405-9 **Fax:** +880 2 8314993

**Email:** [cbgeneral@caritasbd.org](mailto:cbgeneral@caritasbd.org); [info@caritasbd.org](mailto:info@caritasbd.org)

**www.caritasbd.org**

Catholic agency with offices across Bangladesh providing services including education, training, microfinance and healthcare.



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### The International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

House 13A, Road 136, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh, PO Box 9055

**Tel:** 880 2 9887978 **Email:** imodhaka@iom.int

IOM offers resettlement and reintegration support to voluntary returnees to Bangladesh.

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### National Network of PLHIV

8th Floor, IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla nagar, Dhaka 880-2, Bangladesh

**Tel:** +880 171 6253502 **Fax:** +880 181 9004753

**Email:** nnbplus@gmail.com

Self-help groups, unions and networks of people living with HIV and AIDS; advocacy; information sharing; capacity building; fight against stigma and discrimination.

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### Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP)

542, Mridha Plaza, South Dania, Dhaka-1236, Bangladesh

**Tel:** +88 02 75 53 737 **Help line:** +88 01 84 27 73 300 **Fax:** +88 02 75 53 737

**Email:** okup.ent@gmail.com

**www.okup.org.bd**

Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP) work with returnees who have failed to get asylum or refugee status and have been deported. OKUP provides pre-departure information, post-arrival intervention and counselling for vulnerable migrants and refugees in cooperation with local organisations in destination countries. They also assist in return/repatriation and social reintegration through airport pick-ups, providing shelter, psychological counselling and legal and medical assistance. They facilitate economic reintegration through the investment of remittances for business venture and provide vocational training.

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### Thanapara Swallows Development Society

p.o. Sardah, District Rajshahi, Bangladesh

**Tel:** + 88 01 711 346 486 **Email:** raihanali58@gmail.com

**www.emmaus-international.org/en/who-are-we/emmaus-around-the-world/asia/bangladesh/thanapara-swallows.html**

A non-governmental organisation and member of the Emmaus network, Thanapara Swallows provides income generation activities, micro-finance, education, access to healthcare and assistance for victim of domestic violence.

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Hibiscus Initiatives works with men and women in the UK who are in prison, immigration detention, requiring support in the community after leaving prison or detention to those who have been victims of trafficking. Their work includes welfare and advocacy in prisons, international resettlement, combating trafficking and volunteering and community resettlement. If you would like to know more about Hibiscus Initiatives you can contact them on the details below:

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## Hibiscus Initiatives

Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road London N7 6PA

**Tel:**+ 44 (0) 20 7697 4120 **Fax:**+ 44 (0) 20 7697 4272

**Email:** info@hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk

**www.hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk**

Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits.

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## Praxis Community Projects

Pott Street, London E2 OEF

**Tel:** +44 (0)20 7729 7985 **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7729 0134

**Email:** advice@praxis.org.uk

**www.praxis.org.uk**

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