

# The Reciprocity Act, 1943

( ACT NO. IX OF 1943 )

**An Act to make provisions on a basis of reciprocity in regard to entry into, travel, residence, the acquisition, holding or disposal of property, the enjoyment of educational facilities, the holding of public office, or the carrying on of any occupation, trade, business or profession in Bangladesh by, and the franchise in Bangladesh of, persons domiciled in British Possessions.<sup>1♣</sup>**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provisions on a basis of reciprocity in regard to entry into, travel, residence, the acquisition, holding or disposal of property, the enjoyment of educational facilities, the holding of public office, or the carrying on of any occupation, trade, business or profession in Bangladesh by, and the franchise in Bangladesh of, persons domiciled in British Possessions;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title,  
extent and  
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Reciprocity Act, 1943.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force on the 1st day of September, 1943.

**Definitions**

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) “British possession” means any part of His Majesty's dominions and includes a protectorate or other territory administered by a British possession as a mandatory on behalf of the League of Nations; and where parts of those dominions are under both a central and a local legislature, the expression shall mean either each part under a local legislature or all parts under the central legislature.

(b) “entry” includes landing at any port in Bangladesh during the stay in Bangladesh of a ship or aircraft on its way to a destination outside Bangladesh.