

# **The Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act, 1948**

( ACT NO. XXI OF 1948 )

**An Act to provide for the administration of oaths by diplomatic and consular officers and to prescribe the fees leviable in respect of certain of their official duties.<sup>1♣</sup>**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the administration of oaths by diplomatic and consular officers and for the levy of fees in respect of certain official duties performed by them;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title  
and  
commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act, 1948.

(2) It shall come into force at once, and shall be deemed to have taken effect from the fifteenth day of August, 1947.

**Definitions**

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

(a) “consular officer” includes consul, consular agent, consul-general, honorary consul, pro-consul and vice-consul; and

(b) “diplomatic officer” includes ambassador, agent, agent-general, assistant high commissioner, attache of a diplomatic mission, charge d affaires, commissioner, counsellor, deputy high commissioner, diplomatic secretary, high commissioner and minister.

**Powers as  
to oaths  
and notarial  
acts abroad**

3. (1) Every diplomatic or consular officer of Bangladesh exercising his functions in any foreign country or place, or any such diplomatic or consular officer of a foreign country as is in writing authorised in this behalf by the Government in relation to any foreign country or place, may in that country or place administer any oath or affirmation and take any affidavit