



# Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

## CHAPTER 45

### FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING ACT 1981

#### PART I

##### FORGERY AND KINDRED OFFENCES

###### *Offences*

- 1 The offence of forgery
- 2 The offence of copying a false instrument
- 3 The offence of using a false instrument
- 4 The offence of using a copy of a false instrument
- 5 Offences relating to money orders, share certificates, passports, etc.

###### *Penalties etc.*

- 6 Penalties for offences under Part I
- 7 Powers of search, forfeiture, etc.

###### *Interpretation of Part I*

- 8 Meaning of "instrument"
- 9 Meaning of "false" and "making"
- 10 Meaning of "prejudice" and "induce"

###### *Miscellaneous*

- 11 Amendments of Mental Health Acts
- 12 Amendments of Road Traffic Acts and Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981
- 13 Abolition of offence of forgery at common law

**PART II**

## COUNTERFEITING AND KINDRED OFFENCES

*Offences*

- 14 Offences of counterfeiting notes and coins
- 15 Offences of passing etc. counterfeit notes and coins
- 16 Offences involving the custody or control of counterfeit notes and coins
- 17 Offences involving the making or custody or control of counterfeiting materials and implements
- 18 The offence of reproducing British currency notes
- 19 Offences of making etc. imitation British coins

*Prohibition of importation and exportation of counterfeits*

- 20 Prohibition of importation of counterfeit notes and coins
- 21 Prohibition of exportation of counterfeit notes and coins

*Penalties etc.*

- 22 Penalties for offences under Part II
- 23 Penalties for offences under Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 relating to counterfeits
- 24 Powers of search, forfeiture, etc.
- 25 Directors' etc. liability
- 26 Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980

*Interpretation of Part II*

- 27 Meaning of " currency note " and " protected coin "
- 28 Meaning of " counterfeit "

**PART III**

## MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

*Miscellaneous*

- 29 Amendment of Post Office Act 1953

*Repeals*

- 30 Enactments repealed

*Extent*

- 31 Scotland
- 32 Northern Ireland

*Commencement and short title*

- 33 Commencement
- 34 Citation

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- PART I — GENERAL REPEALS CONSEQUENTIAL ON PART I
- PART II — GENERAL REPEALS CONSEQUENTIAL ON PART II
- PART III — NORTHERN IRELAND LEGISLATION—REPEALS CONSEQUENTIAL  
ON PARTS I AND II