



# Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 45

### PART I

#### FORGERY AND KINDRED OFFENCES

##### *Interpretation of Part I*

#### **9 Meaning of “false” and “making”.**

- (1) An instrument is false for the purposes of this Part of this Act—
- (a) if it purports to have been made in the form in which it is made by a person who did not in fact make it in that form; or
  - (b) if it purports to have been made in the form in which it is made on the authority of a person who did not in fact authorise its making in that form; or
  - (c) if it purports to have been made in the terms in which it is made by a person who did not in fact make it in those terms; or
  - (d) if it purports to have been made in the terms in which it is made on the authority of a person who did not in fact authorise its making in those terms; or
  - (e) if it purports to have been altered in any respect by a person who did not in fact alter it in that respect; or
  - (f) if it purports to have been altered in any respect on the authority of a person who did not in fact authorise the alteration in that respect; or
  - (g) if it purports to have been made or altered on a date on which, or at a place at which, or otherwise in circumstances in which, it was not in fact made or altered; or
  - (h) if it purports to have been made or altered by an existing person but he did not in fact exist.
- (2) A person is to be treated for the purposes of this Part of this Act as making a false instrument if he alters an instrument so as to make it false in any respect (whether or not it is false in some other respect apart from that alteration).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, Section 9.