

Bangladesh

Asia



Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- All forms of cannabis, including THC and CBD, are strictly illegal in Bangladesh; medical cannabis is not recognized under law.
- The Narcotics Control Act (1990, amended 2018) classifies cannabis as a Schedule 1/Class A drug with no medical exceptions.
- Penalties are severe: possession under 2 kg can lead to up to 10 years imprisonment, trafficking or larger quantities may result in life imprisonment or death sentence.

Background

- Bangladesh's Narcotics Control Act (1990, updates 2018) criminalizes possession, cultivation, sale, and transport of cannabis, including CBD products.
- There is no regulated medical cannabis program or legal access for patients.
- Traditional folk medicine use persists but holds no legal basis and is not protected by the state.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational cannabis remains entirely illegal, with no decriminalization of small amounts.
- Enforcement includes harsh sentences: fines, imprisonment, deportation in serious cases.

Traveling to Bangladesh with Medical Cannabis

Import or Possession Not Allowed



- There is no legal recognition of foreign prescriptions for cannabis. CBD or THC products are prohibited at customs, regardless of medical justification.
- Bringing any cannabis product may lead to seizure, criminal charges, imprisonment, or deportation.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis, CBD, or related products, even under prescription.
2. Carry only legal, non-cannabis prescription medications in original pharmacy-labeled packaging.
3. Ensure no ingredient in wellness or skin-care products contains cannabinoids.
4. Understand that zero tolerance policies apply. Even trace amounts can result in legal action.
5. Review transit-country drug rules. En route restrictions may also apply.

Practical Tips

- Bangladesh remains one of Asia's most restrictive jurisdictions on cannabis, no exceptions for medical or traditional use.
- There is no legal framework enabling patient access or import for personal medical use.
- For medical needs, arrange alternative medications that comply with Bangladesh law and regulation.
- Consult with the Department of Narcotics Control or Bangladeshi diplomatic officials before traveling if uncertain.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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