

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Message for U.S. Citizens
Local Banks and U.S. Checks
May 24, 2016

As of May 16, 2016, some banks in Bangladesh, including Standard Chartered Bank's and HSBC's branches in the country, no longer accept U.S. paper checks. This decision includes checks issued by the United States Department of Treasury and personal checks.

This change may impact the ability to cash or deposit checks drafted on U.S. banks. U.S. citizens may wish to open a U.S. bank account and have their checks deposited into that account by direct deposit. Account holders can then withdraw money by ATM in Bangladesh. Many U.S. banks operate entirely on the internet and do not require physical presence to open an account.

Should you have any questions, please contact American Citizen Services at DhakaACS@state.gov.

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- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in Dhaka](#), Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0" and ask for the duty officer.
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