



# Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 45

### PART II

#### COUNTERFEITING AND KINDRED OFFENCES

##### *Offences*

#### **18 The offence of reproducing British currency notes.**

- (1) It is an offence for any person, unless the relevant authority has previously consented in writing, to reproduce on any substance whatsoever, and whether or not on the correct scale, any British currency note or any part of a British currency note.
- (2) In this section—
  - “British currency note” means any note which—
    - (a) has been lawfully issued in England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland; and
    - (b) is or has been customarily used as money in the country where it was issued; and
    - (c) is payable on demand; and
  - “the relevant authority”, in relation to a British currency note of any particular description, means the authority empowered by law to issue notes of that description.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, Section 18.