



**TAX PAYER'S SATISFACTION TOWARDS THE
USAGE OF E-FILING SYSTEM INTENTION OF THE
INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF MALAYSIA (IRB)**

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ABSTRACT

Tax as a source of revenue is a key element for country's growth and development. The introduction of e-Filing system by IRB has helped to increase the collection of taxes since its inception in 2006. Thus, this study is conducted to examine the dimensions of taxpayers' satisfaction and how it will influence the behavioural intentions of taxpayers in adopting e-Filing system. The dimensions of satisfaction that we have analysed are adopted from E-S-QUAL model which are efficiency, system availability, fulfilment, privacy and two new items found from qualitative survey; convenience and resource saving. Theory Reasoned Action (TRA) is used to examine the relationship between these dimensions of taxpayers' satisfaction and their behavioural intention. The data were collected from randomly selected respondents. The findings of the study are based on questionnaire analysis. It is hoped that the findings and interpretation from this research will help IRB to improve its e-filing system. All comments and recommendations from the taxpayers will be forwarded to the management of IRB for consideration.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

E-Filing was introduced in Malaysia in 2006. This electronic tax filing system requires taxpayers to fill their tax returns online and is applicable to both individuals and companies. The objectives of e-Filing are to facilitate tax compliance and to provide service to taxpayers through the use Internet technologies. It is the first of IRB's efforts to streamline the tax filing process through the use of information and communication technology (ICT). E-Filing is important to the government because it improves the efficiency of collecting taxes for the country. Taxpayers also benefit from e-Filing because they do not need to go to the tax office to submit their income tax return forms. e-Filing can also speed up the tax refund processes. The IRB has upgraded its e-Filing system from time to time in anticipation of increasing number of people filing their tax returns online. During the first year of its introduction, the e-Filing system was plagued with negative reactions and was debated in mass media. The following year, in 2007, saw 700,000 tax assessment submissions via e-Filing, and the figure rose to 1.18 million submissions in 2008, despite complaints about network congestion problem. With improved infrastructure, the figure increased to 1.6 million submissions in 2009 with an improved overall amount of actual tax collection. Today, after 12 years of its implementation, IRB has expected to receive almost 4.3 million taxpayers' forms through e-Filing for the 2017 assessment year. The number of taxpayers using e-Filing keeps on increasing every year because taxpayers do not have any other alternatives to declare their income. In fact, e-Filing has many benefits to both taxpayers and the IRB. Thus, the purpose of this study is to find out the dimensions of taxpayers' satisfaction with IRB's e-Filing system.