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# THE AWARENESS OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING THE WASIYYAH OR WILL

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## **ABSTRACT**

Wasiyyah or will is a legal document that outlines on how one's estate is to be distributed in the event of affairs after the death of the testator according to Islamic law. Leaving a wasiyyah or will assists in the smooth processing and settlement of the estate administration. It is important and recommended for people to write a will prior to his or her death because a will allows one to decide on what happens to his or her money, property and possessions after death. The reality is that most attitudes of Malaysian are ignorant about the importance of adopting wasiyyah or will. The researches examine the awareness of the importance adopting wasiyyah or will among the government workers. The researcher are choose the government workers as sample due to they have a stable income and financial. Thus, with that convenient condition, do they aware the importance of adopting wasiyyah or will. The data were collected through a survey based on the questionnaires among the government workers in Malaysia. Based on the findings from this study show the knowledge and religiosity have a significant effect toward the awareness the government workers on the importance of adopting of wasiyyah or will.

Keywords: Awareness, wasiyyah, will, government workers, knowledge, cultural values, will institution, religiosity

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# CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

This chapter introduced the basic concept and knowledge of this research paper. This research paper touched on the awareness of the awareness of government workers on the importance of adopting the wasiyyah or will. Generally, by go through into this chapter we can know what are the relationship between the dependent variable (the awareness on the importance adopting of the wasiyyah or will with the independent variable (demographic, knowledge, cultural values, will institutional and religiosity) among government workers. This chapter comprises of nine sections which are include the background of the study. It states the background information about of the view of the topic. Besides the background of the study, the introductory part also contains a discussion on the problem statement, research questions, research objectives, significance of the study, scope of the study, limitations of the study, definition of key terms and summary of this chapter.

#### 1.2 Background of the Study

Majority of Malaysian are aware and familiar with the term Islamic 'will' and adoption of wasiyyah (will) but the number of individuals who performed wasiyyah practice nowadays are still low although they are eligible to leave wasiyyah or will. So its mean there are Malaysian still did not know the importance adopting of the wasiyyah or will especially among the government workers. It is because the government workers have eligible to leaves wasiyyah or will due to they have a stable income and financial. According to Salisu (2016) wasiyyah or will one of the fundamental in Islam, it is become an obligatory on every Muslim who has property and wealth to leave behind to their heirs before the testator passed away. It is mean the adopting of wasiyyah or will very important to their heirs. The distribution of wealth can be become more easily and smooth process to the heirs after the testator was passed away.