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**THE AWARENESS OF ZAKAT INCOME AMONG UiTM
PAHANG STAFF**

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ABSTRACT

The concept of al-mal al-mustafad states that zakat is required on any property received via business outcomes without any exchange process (buying and selling); in other words, it is obtained for its own purposes, such as salary, labour earnings, allowances, presents, and so on. The research aims are to analyse staff awareness, knowledge levels, and variables influencing involvement in zakat income at UiTM Pahang. The survey, which used a sample size of 111 employees, found a modest degree of knowledge and involvement in zakat income among university staff members. While most respondents recognise the significance of zakat income, there is a need for ongoing educational and awareness programmes to improve understanding and promote active involvement in this Islamic financial practice. Educational efforts, collaboration with Islamic institutions, policy integration, and community participation are all recommended as ways to develop a culture of generosity, social responsibility, and Islamic financial ethics within the university community. The study emphasises the need of continued education and community involvement in increasing understanding and participation in zakat income among university workers, paving the path for a better educated and involved community at UiTM Pahang.

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CHAPTER 1

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

1.1 Introduction

Zakat is the third (third) pillar of Islam, and it is a duty of Muslims who can afford to pay it, which is distributed to those who are eligible to receive it. With effective administration, zakat is a potential fund that is utilised to enhance the overall well-being of the community. (Afni, 2021) Islam's foundational tenet of wealth redistribution and social obligation is embodied in the concept of zakat. Muslims who have wealth above a specific level (nisab), which is usually 2.5% of their savings and financial assets, are required to give alms. Zakat is a multipurpose practice that promotes charity and compassion, purifies money, and ensures that resources are distributed fairly across the community. Muslims support the underprivileged, those in need, those who are in debt, stranded travelers, and other qualified receivers as specified in Islamic teachings by contributing zakat to the welfare of society (Nur Barizah Abu Bakar, 2010). This charitable deed is regarded as a kind of worship since it demonstrates a believer's dedication to social justice and unity. Zakat is an annual duty that is determined by assets owned for the entire lunar year. Its prompt distribution is essential to preserving the stability of the economy and reducing poverty. Muslims demonstrate their faith in a concrete way through zakat, exhibiting compassion, giving, and prudent financial management as a means of showing their allegiance to Allah and the welfare of their community.

In Islam, there are several sorts of zakat, each with a unique purpose and computed using different criteria. The most well-known and performed sort of zakat is Zakat al-Mal (or Zakat on money), which is required for specific categories of money and assets possessed by Muslims. Dalil about zakat in Quran 2:43 (Surah Al-Baqarah) is “And establish prayer and give zakah, and bow with those who bow (in worship and obedience).” This verse emphasises the necessity of establishing prayer (salah) and donating zakah (which includes Zakat al-Mal) as necessary actions of worship and obedience in Islam.