

# **THE RIGHTS OF UNREGISTERED CHILDREN IN MALAYSIA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The story of children who do not have a birth certificate is often seen in newspapers and their stories are often heard as the fate of those who are often oppressed by society, including their parents. In the absence of a birth certificate, their existence has become a question to the community and sometimes a cynical comedy to the community. And they also have extensive coverage by the mass media and electronics. However, their future cannot be determined by them, because without a birth certificate there is nothing that can be done in determining their own future. For instance, in order for the children to attend to school they must obtain birth certificate first.

Therefore, the project paper is to investigate whether the rights of children with no birth certificate is neglected because there is no law in our country to protect and defend the fate of these children. Other than that, this research also aims to propose a law which governs the rights of unregistered children. This research has also focused towards children who have lost their parents during the baby or more clearly, the child born as a result of the relationship outside of marriage. These children are known as a child born out of wedlock. In addition, this research also will focus on the unregistered children from poor and illiterate family. Finally, the paper of this project was ended by conclusions and recommendations that could possibly give them rights as children born with a birth certificate based on research and interview questions that have been committed for this project.

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