
PUBLIC PRACTICE

LHDNM MEDIA RELEASE - OBTAINING LEGITIMATE TAX AGENT SERVICES

In a recent media release, the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (LHDNM) advised taxpayers to seek the services of tax agents approved by the Minister of Finance under subsection 153(3) of the Income Tax Act (ITA) 1967 to manage their tax matters.

Services provided by illegitimate tax agents could lead to inaccurate or unclear tax advice including preparation of the income tax return form which does not comply with the tax law. In addition, illegitimate tax agents shall not represent taxpayers in audits or investigations conducted by the LHDNM or in dispute resolutions before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax.

Any person who is guilty of an offense under the following provisions, shall, on conviction, be liable to the following penalties:

Provision	Penalty
Subsection 120(1)(d) – Any person who without reasonable excuse contravenes subsection ... or subsection 153(1) of the ITA 1967 shall be guilty of an offence.	On conviction shall be liable to fine of not less than RM200 and not more than RM20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both.
Subsection 114(1A) – Any person who assists in, or advises with respect to, the preparation of any return where the return results in an understatement of the liability for tax of another person shall, unless he satisfies the court that the assistance or advice was given with reasonable care, be guilty of an offence.	On conviction shall be liable to fine of not less than RM2,000 and not more than RM20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years, or to both.

Taxpayers can check the list of approved tax agents and validity of their approvals by the Minister of Finance at the [LHDNM's official website](#).

Members may read the LHDNM's Media Release in full at the websites of the [Institute](#) and [LHDNM](#).

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