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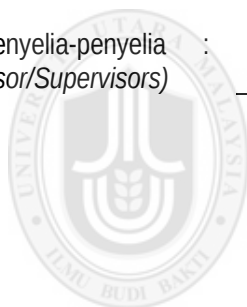
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Abstract

Tax compliance is crucial for governments worldwide to sustain revenue streams and support national development. However, despite efforts to optimize tax administration and promote voluntary compliance, challenges persist, particularly in countries like Malaysia. This study explores the factors influencing tax compliance intentions and behaviors among enforcement officers in Kulim, Kedah, Malaysia. Drawing on existing literature, this research addresses the gap in understanding the dynamics of tax compliance by examining the influence of attitudes and the presence of licensed tax agents on enforcement officers' compliance intentions. Additionally, it investigates the relationship between compliance intentions and actual behaviors. The significance of this study lies in its potential to inform policy and practice in tax administration, particularly in Malaysia, by identifying factors contributing to tax non-compliance and proposing strategies to enhance voluntary compliance. Through quantitative analysis and survey data, this research aims to contribute both theoretically and practically to the field of taxation, providing insights that can help tax authorities better understand and address tax compliance challenges. The scope of the study is limited to enforcement officers in Kulim, Kedah, given their unique context within the Malaysian tax system. The research methodology includes a quantitative approach involving the development of hypotheses, operational definitions, survey instruments, and data collection procedures. Overall, this study seeks to shed light on the complexities of tax compliance behavior and provide actionable insights for tax authorities to improve compliance strategies and ensure a fair and effective tax system.

Keywords: Tax compliance, Enforcement officers, Tax administration, Attitudes, Licensed tax agents, Compliance intentions, Compliance behaviors, Voluntary compliance, Tax evasion.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Taxation has been utilized in many nations as a tool to encourage national development and economic growth (Shaharuddin, Palil, Ramli, & Maelah, 2012). Taxes are a crucial tool for the government to raise money and produce revenues, allowing them to invest in infrastructure, human resources, and service provision for both individuals and corporations. However, a lot of individual taxpayers still do not comprehend how important taxes are.

The actions of the taxpayer, whether due to illiteracy, ignorance, carelessness, or willful evasion, as well as inefficiencies in tax administration, make noncompliance with the law inevitable. In order to minimize noncompliance with tax legislation, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (2004) highlights the significance of the tax administration having strategies and procedures in place.

However, obtaining complete compliance from every taxpayer remains a significant challenge for all revenue authorities countrywide. The government faces ongoing noncompliance despite optimizing tax collection efficiency and upholding public trust and the problem become more difficult once the self-assessment system (SAS) was put in place. The Malaysian government introduced the self-assessment system in 2001 to enhance and modernize the tax system. In the course of the year, SAS was made available for corporations for the first time. In 2004, it was expanded to cover other taxpayer groups, such as employees, sole proprietors, partnerships, and

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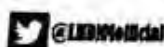
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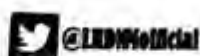
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Johor Bharu (Penggajian)	7,583	10,534	13,132
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Seremban	27,402	27,223	26,144
Taiping	23,399	23,705	23,093
Ipoh	41,561	41,720	40,153
Teluk Intan	15,759	15,573	14,727
Kota Bharu Kelantan	12,510	12,443	11,646
Alor Setar	17,369	17,417	16,787 *
Pulau Pinang	74,542	74,943	74,249
Kuantan	14,291	14,004	13,342
Tidak Bermastautin	1,304	645	537
Duta (Penggajian)	8,078	10,699	13,094
Kluang	33,649	33,456	32,978
Cawangan Pembayar Cukai Besar	9	9	6
Kuala Terengganu	9,108	8,984	8,318
Shah Alam	22,149	22,185	21,719
Raub	11,806	11,664	11,279
Kangar	4,707	4,740	4,417
KL Bandar	20,377	21,150	21,450
Klang	39,242	38,813	37,700
Bangi	28,899	29,608	28,808
Muar	26,117	26,243	25,792
Cheras	35,719	35,563	34,418
Wangsa Maju	20,730	20,647	19,841
Sungai Petani	12,466	12,610	12,223 *
Petaling Jaya	26,665	26,493	26,135
Temerloh	8,649	8,608	8,343
Kota Kinabalu	19,455	19,374	18,771
Sandakan	8,508	8,272	7,770
Tawau	10,073	9,986	9,568
Keningau	2,879	2,837	2,639
Kuching	28,100	28,110	27,497
Sibu	15,513	15,612	15,420
Miri	10,781	10,850	10,656
Bintulu	4,186	4,245	4,069
Labuan	1,581	1,564	1,442
Duta (Perniagaan)	65,912	62,509	56,115
Johor Bharu (Perniagaan)	59,218	53,859	49,167
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TAX COMPLIANCE INTENTION BEHAVIOR AMONG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN KULIM KEDAH



Dear Mr./Ms.,

We are researchers from Universiti Utara Malaysia, who are currently conducting research on taxation education titled " **TAX COMPLIANCE INTENTION BEHAVIOR AMONG ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN KULIM KEDAH** ".

We appreciate your feedback and responses to the attached questionnaire. This questionnaire will take approximately **15 minutes** to complete. This survey is intended to detect your intentions and behavior towards tax compliance and is generated **for academic purposes only** so there are no right or wrong answers. The information and responses you provide throughout the questionnaire will be treated as **strictly confidential and anonymous**. Responses that truly reflect your perceptions are highly valuable for this research. In addition, participation in this study is **voluntary**.

If you have any inquiries regarding this survey, you are welcome to contact us via email: **kirttanasambathan41@gmail.com** or WhatsApp: **+60 012-5349601**.

Thank you for your participation.

Best regards,

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Part(ONE): General information-Please tick (/) in the appropriate box.
(Bahagian (SATU): Maklumat Am-Sila tandakanj (/) dalam kotak berkenaan)

Description (optional)

1. Please indicate your gender (Jantina Anda) *

- ☐ Male (Lelaki)
- ☐ Female (Perempuan)

2. Please indicate your age (Umur Anda) *

- ☐ Less than 26 years (Kurang dari 26 tahun)
- ☐ 26-35 years (26-35 tahun)
- ☐ 36-45 years (36-45 tahun)
- ☐ Above 45 years (45 tahun ke atas)

Please indicate your ethnicity (Bangsa Anda) *

- ☐ Malay (Melayu)
- ☐ Chinese (Cina)
- ☐ Indian (India)
- ☐ Others

What is the highest level of education you have completed? *

- ☐ Primary school / Lower (Sekolah Rendah / Bawah)
- ☐ Secondary School (Sekolah Menengah)
- ☐ Certification/Diploma
- ☐ Bachelor Degree (Ijazah Sarjana Muda)

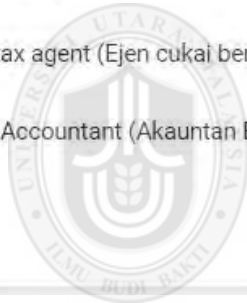
Which department are u working for ? *

- ☐ Royal Malaysian Customs Department (Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia)
- ☐ Royal Malaysia Police (Polis Diraja Malaysia)
- ☐ The Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) (Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia (LHDNM))
- ☐ Other...

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How do you filed your income tax return? *

- ☐ Self (Sendiri)
- ☐ Spouse (Pasangan)
- ☐ Licensed tax agent (Ejen cukai berlesen)
- ☐ Freelance Accountant (Akauntan Bebas)
- ☐ Other...



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Part (TWO) : Intention (Niat)**Below are number of statements that reflect compliance behaviour**

Please **TICK** one answer in each line that best describes how you feel about the statements (Sila **TANDAKAN** salah satu nombor pada skala 1-5 bagi menggambarkan pendapat anda bagi setiap pernyataan berikut)

1. I would fully disclose all of my income, including the sum from my investment for the year received. *

Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju) 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

2. I would properly disclose all of my income, including any future investment earnings. *

Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju) 1 2 3 4 5 Always

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

3. I wouldn't try to file a false tax return without disclosing the amount I earned from my investment. *

Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju) 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

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4. Even though the investment's amount is derived from real estate, royalties, or dividends, I would still disclose it *

Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju) 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

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5. If I failed to disclose the investment's quantity, I would be dissatisfied *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

6. If I didn't disclose the extra money, I would feel uncomfortable. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

7. If I did report the additional money, I would be OK with that. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

8. About the above question, please justify your answer. why u feel uncomfortable if didn't report it? *

Short-answer text

9. I think it's my duty to disclose any true additional income. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

Licensed Tax Agent (Ejen Cukai Berlesen)



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10. I can calculate my own income tax because of my strong legal and tax knowledge.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

11. If I choose to, I can comply with the current tax law by hiring a licensed tax agent.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

12. I can declare income more accurately with the help of a licensed tax agent.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

13. I would be willing to declare income more accurately and pay more tax if it would benefit my country.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

Tax Compliance Behavior (Tingkah Laku Pematuhan Cukai)



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14. I place a lot of importance on the advantages that society could experience from the amount of revenue collected. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

15. When it comes to following the law regarding taxes, I always feel confident in my choices. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
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16. When obeying the law on taxes, I would take society's long-term effects into account.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Strongly Disagree (Sangat Tidak Bersetuju)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Strongly Agree (Sangat Bersetuju)

17. When adhering to tax legislation, I refrain from taking any tax risks because they could have negative outcomes. *

	1	2	3	4	5	
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Correlations

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Intention	Pearson Correlation	1	.491**	.087	.295**
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	Sig. (2-tailed)	<.001		.676	<.001
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b. All requested variables entered.

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ANOVA^a

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	Residual	28.035	98	.286		
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Coefficients^a

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		B	Std. Error	Beta			Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)	1.448	.540		2.681	.009		
	Attitude	.625	.112	.488	5.556	<.001	.998	1.002
	Licensed	.043	.056	.066	.755	.452	.998	1.002

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Collinearity Diagnostics^a

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				(Constant)	Attitude	Licensed
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	2	.040	8.561	.03	.06	.96
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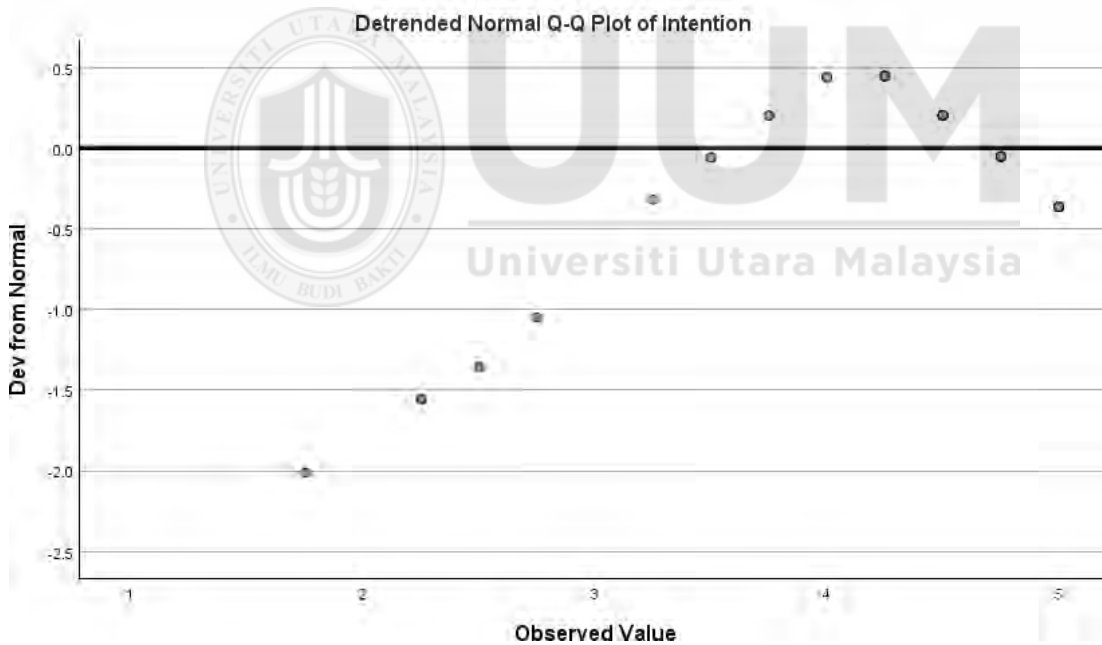
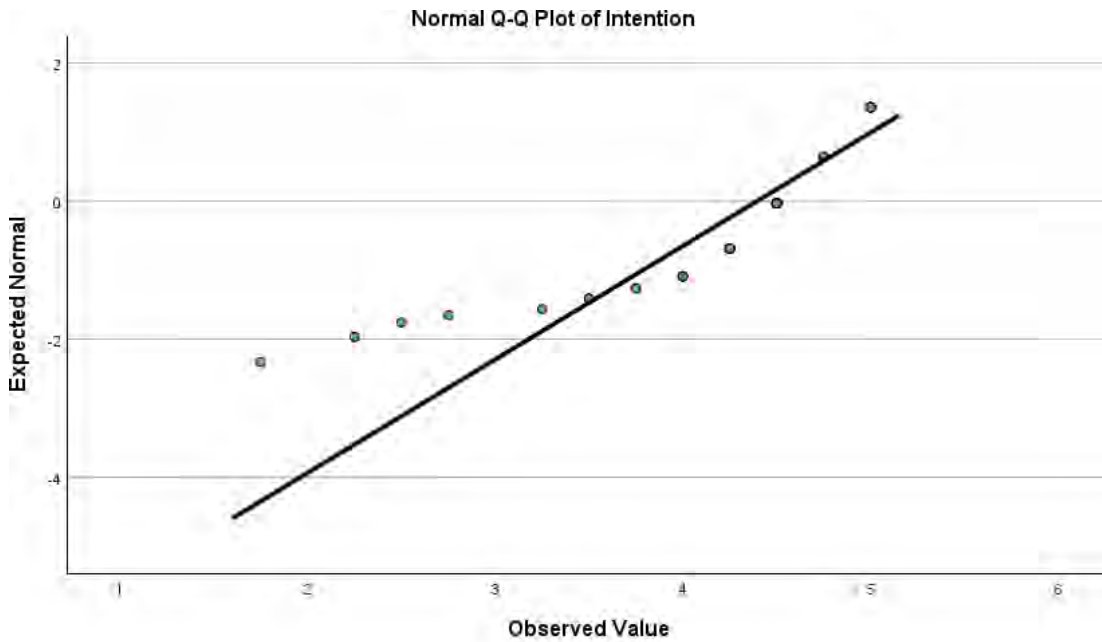
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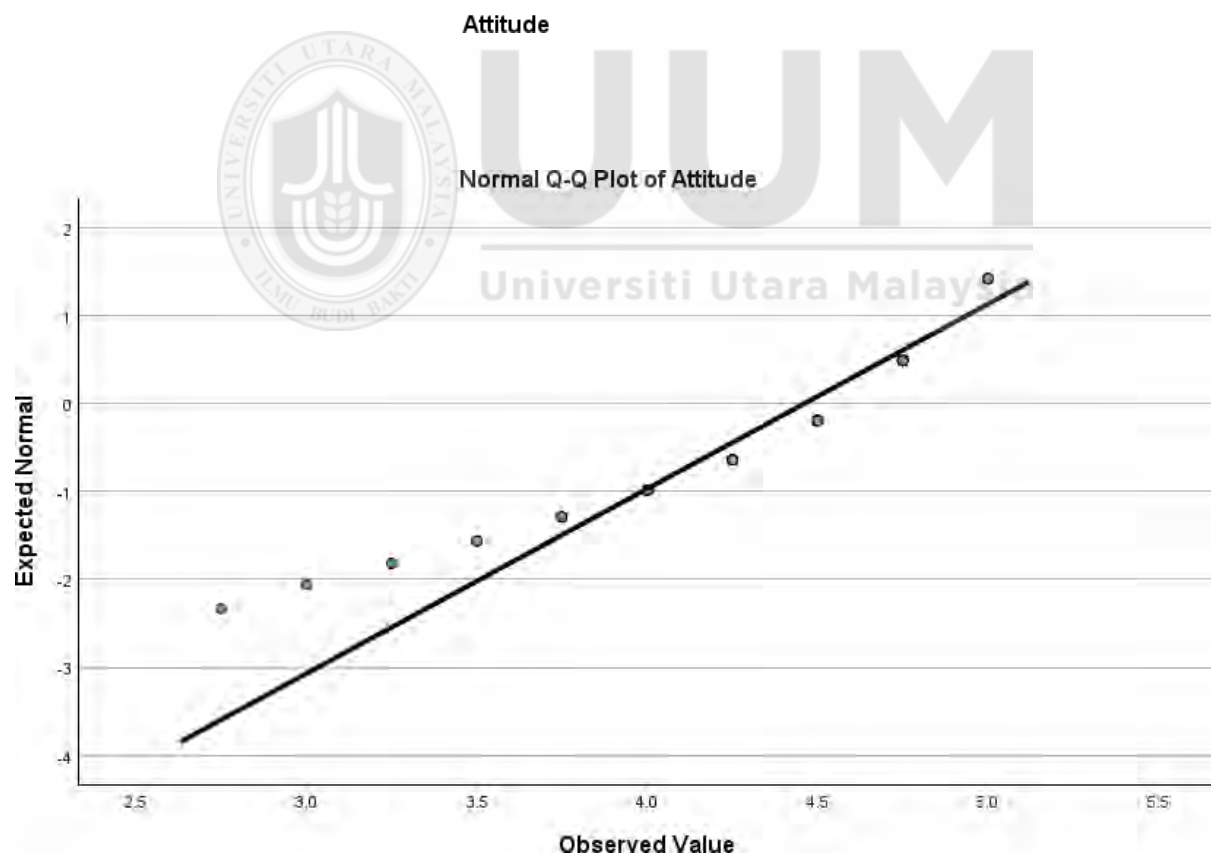
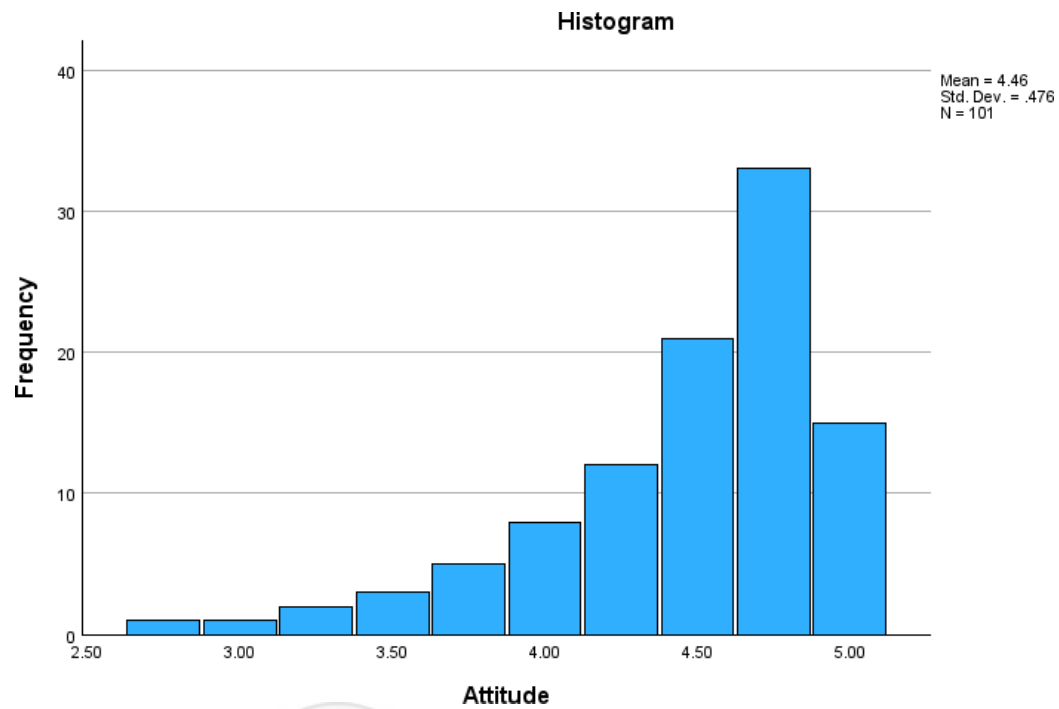
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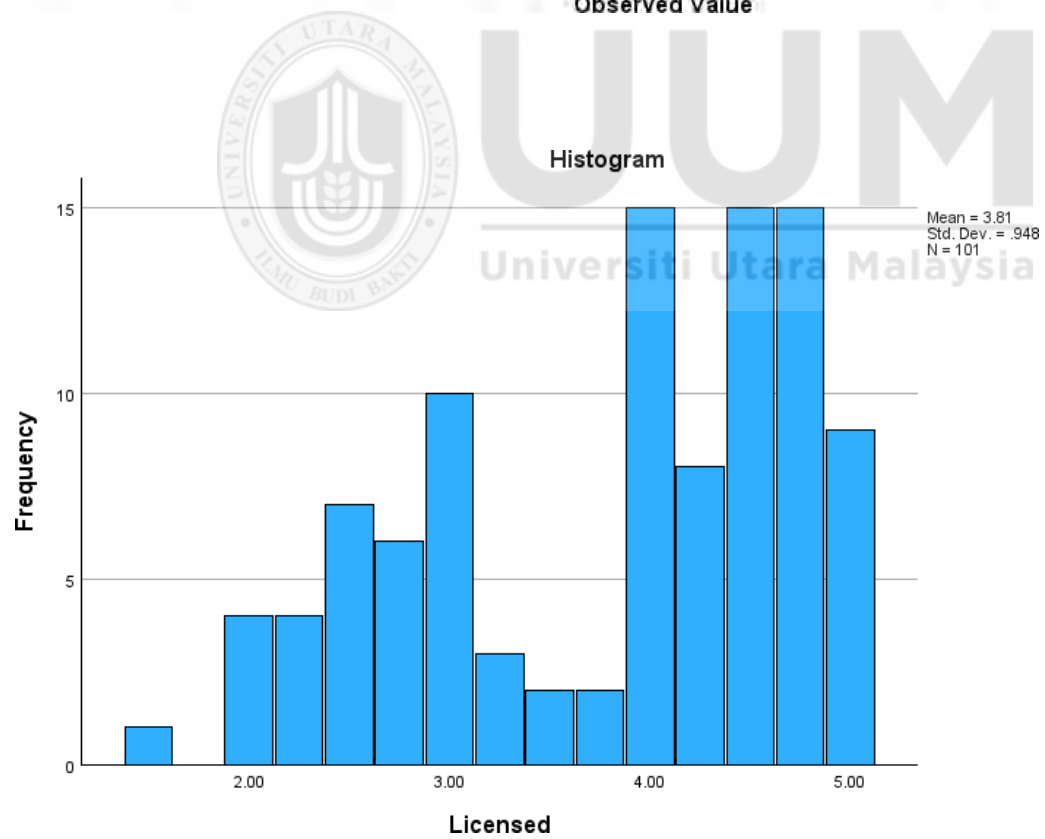
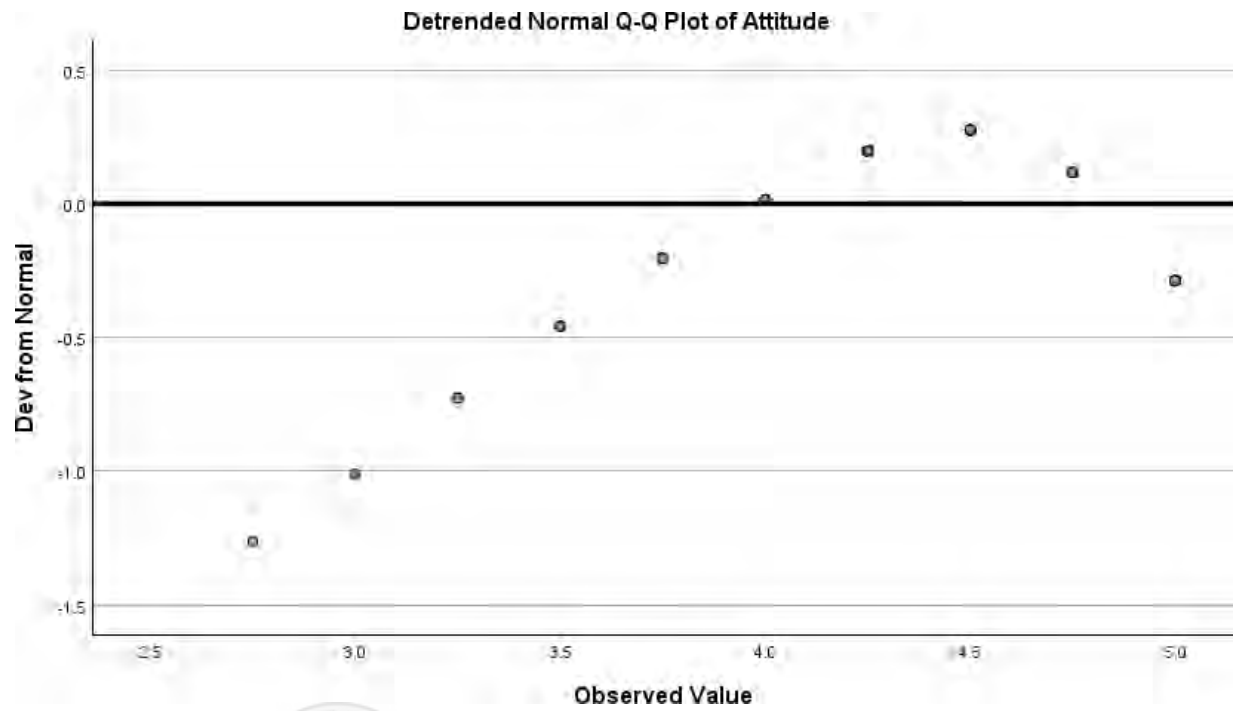
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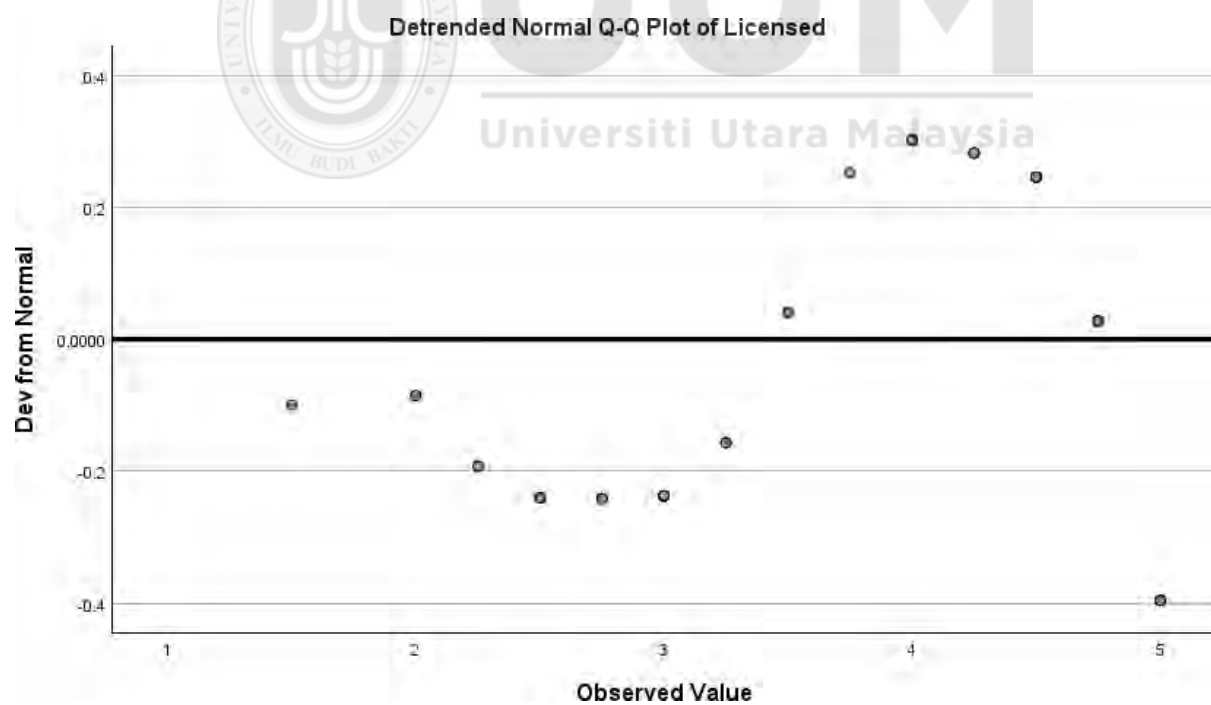
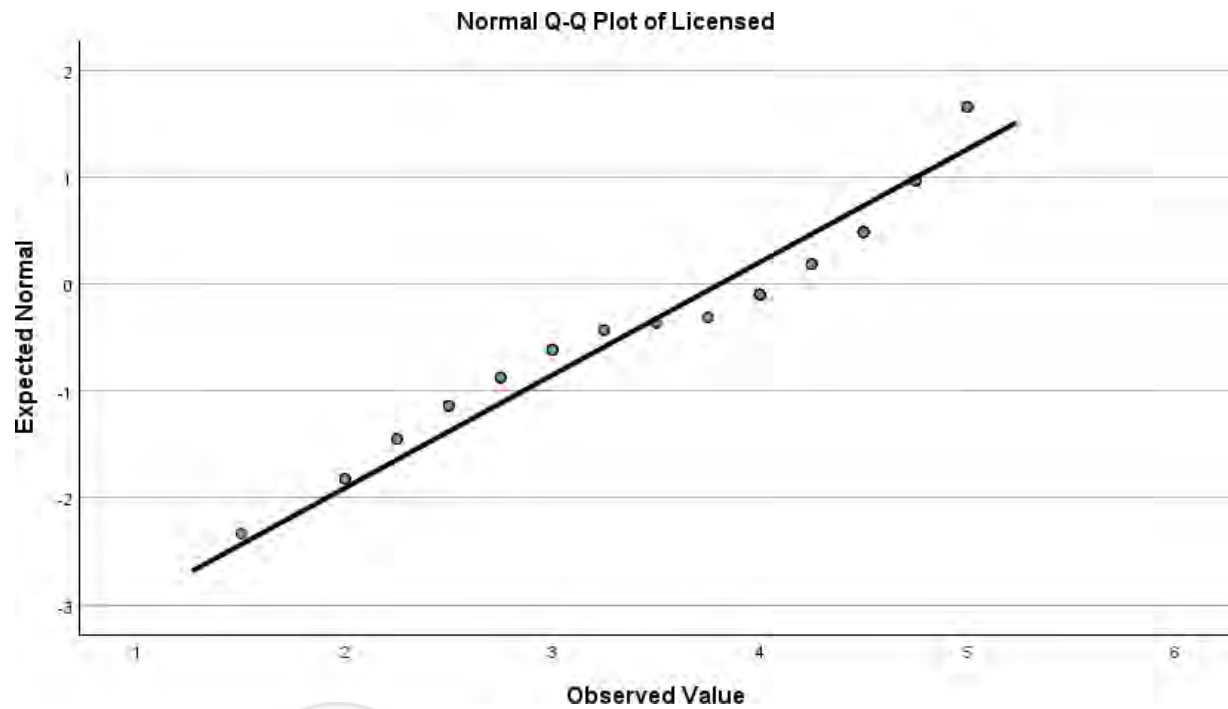
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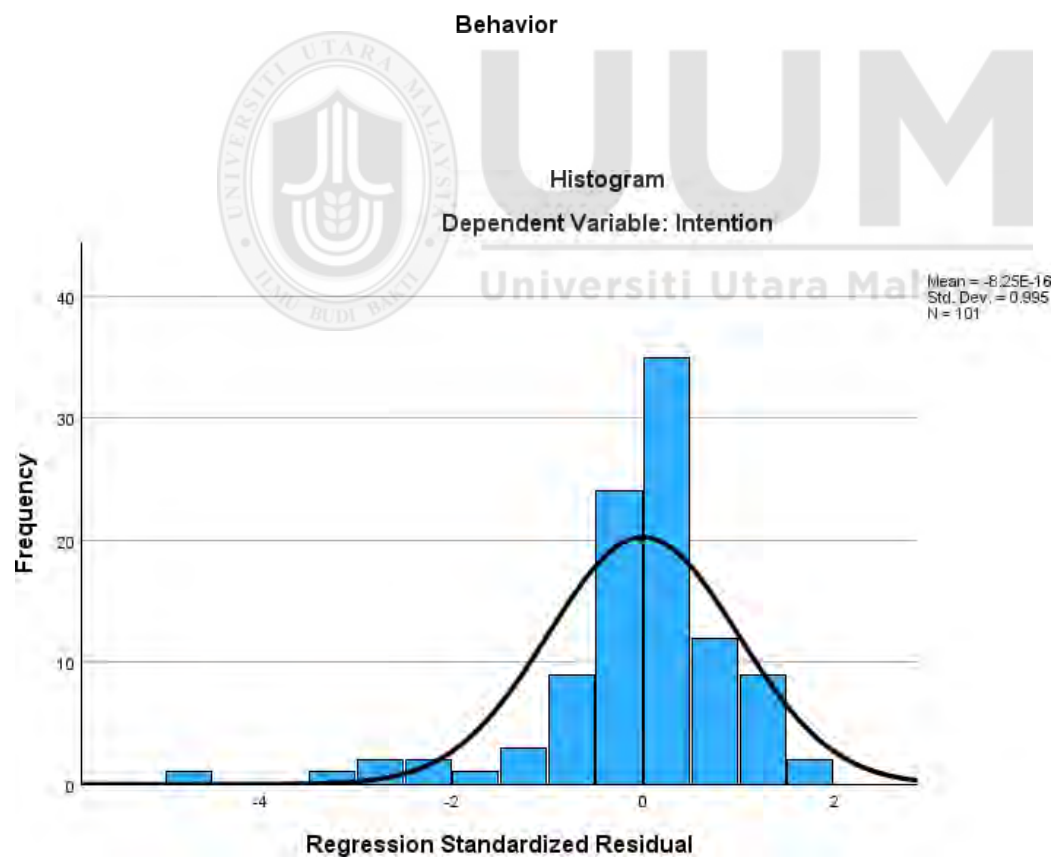
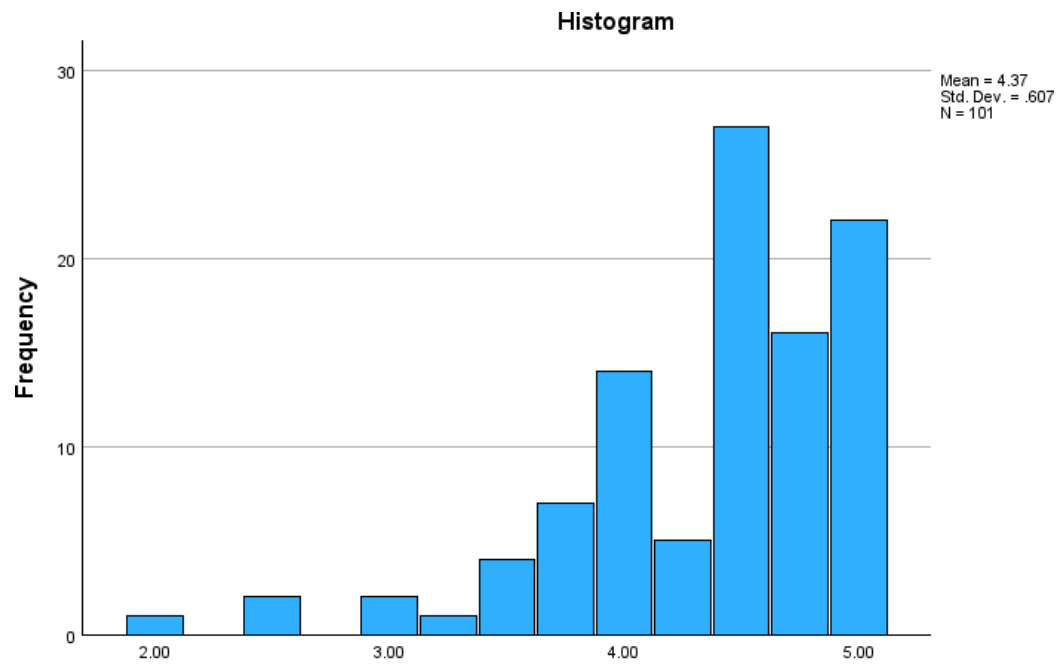
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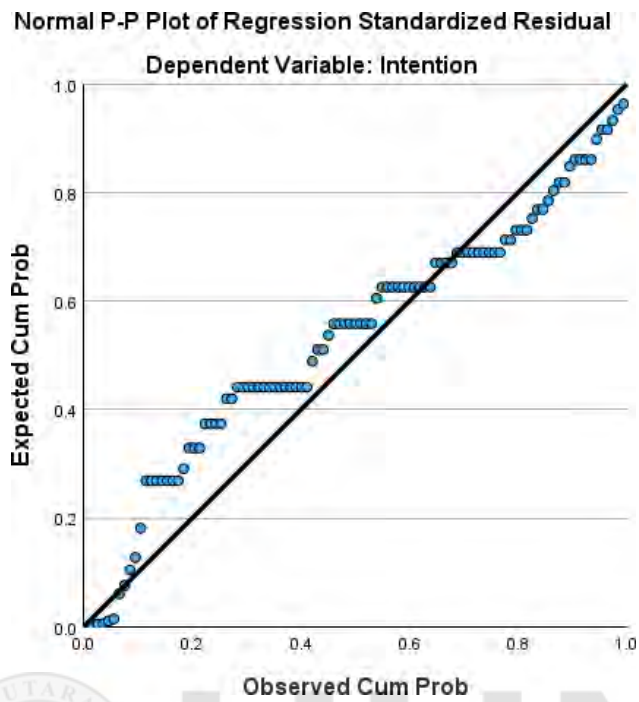












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