



Fatwa no. 15518

**Q:** I am a man who receives a salary from one of the governmental institutions. This requires me to go to this institution which is 35 km from my house. However, my health is not good enough to travel this distance and stand in a queue because I am an aged person. Moreover, the queue of people waiting for their salaries is very long. Besides, some people may smoke cigarettes which harms me as I suffer from heart disease and I cannot tolerate all this. When I complained to the responsible officials, they asked me to get an account number from any bank so they could transfer my salary to that account. This requires me to pay five dinars to obtain a bank account number. I have never dealt with banks in my life for fear of Allah (may He be Exalted). Is it permissible for me to pay these five dinars to obtain a bank account number? It should be noted that there is a bank known as the Islamic Bank in our neighborhood.

**A:** There is no harm in selecting a bank or any other firm to have your salary transferred to it in return for certain fees. This is because of the hardship you find in receiving your salary. This is considered to be a joint interest

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and there is nothing in the Shari`ah (Islamic law) against it. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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