

Public Administration versus Private Administration

1- Definition -

Public Administration deals with public policies, state affairs, government functions and providing of various services to the general public.

Private Administration deals with the management and operations of private organizations usually business entities.

2- Scope -

Public Administration operates in the governmental set-up.

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operates in the non-governmental setup.

3- Nature -

Public Administration is related with the political process.

Private Administration

concentrates on the commercial and business activities.

4- Coverage -

Public Administration covers

all the territory within the jurisdiction

of the government or a nation.

Private Administration may

cover the multi-country operations or activities of an organisation spread over a number of national

08 jurisdictions or only a very small
09 office.

10 5- Timing -

11 Public Administration
12 usually carried out on a continuous
13 basis.

14 Private Administration usually
15 carried out on a periodic basis.

6- Approach -

Public Administration's
approach is bureaucratic.

Private Administration's
approach is egalitarian.

- Type of Activities -

Public Administration
related to the numerous types of

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08 public services and governmental
09 activities. Private administration is
10 limited to a set of activities as
11 private organizations function on the
12 basis of division of labour or core
13 competency.
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15 8- Orientation -

16 Public Administration

17 is welfare oriented and works with
18 a service motive.

19 Private Administration

20 is profit oriented.

21 9- Objective -

Public Administration's

objective is to provide the best

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08 service to the public at large.

09 Private Administration's

10 objective is to maximize the share-

11 - holder's wealth.

12 10 - Scope determination -

13 Public Administration's

14 scope is determined by the government

15 laws or regulations.

16 Private Administration's scope

17 is determined by the management of

18 the organization.

- Legal Status -

Public Administration is

subjected to many laws and regulation

along with a focus on the transparency

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08 and equal treatment.

09 Private Administration is

10 subjected to less number of laws

11 and has permissible levels of direction

12 and differential treatment to the

13 customers or clients.

14 12 - Authority -

15 Public Administration

16 has considerable authority and power

17 over the public and territories.

18 Private Administration has

19 very limited authority to the

20 specific activities and employees of
the organization only.

08 13- Decision Making -

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10 Public Administration
11 is pluralistic, transparent and subject
12 to public security.

13 Private Administration
14 is monopolistic, discretionary and
15 often secretive.

16 14- Accountability -

17 Public Administration
18 is accountable to the general public
19 at large or to the representatives
of the people.

Private Administration

is accountable to the owners of the organization.

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Qualification -

09 qualification is some specific compulsory for official.

10 public administration or official.

11 Any specific qualification

12 is not compulsory for private administrator.

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16- Status - Public Administrations

16 considered public servants.

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Private Administrations

19 considered private employees.

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17- Remuneration Type -

gets in salary.

Public administrator

Private administrator

08 may get a profit share along
09 with a salary.

10 18 - Revenue or Income -

11 Public administration's

12 revenue or income typically
13 generated through taxes, duties,
14 fees, penalties and other dues
15 paid by the citizens.

16 Private administration's

17 revenue or income typically
18 generated through operating
profits.