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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

LEVEL: N4

MODULE/CHAPTER NO: 01

TOPIC: Intro to Public Administration

After completing this topic, you will be able to:

- Identify the role players that influence political decisions
- Understanding public responsibility
- List the difference between Public Admin and Private Admin
- Sources: Textbook (PA N4) page 01-page 13

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Content

- Role players influence Political decisions
- Who makes laws and policies in South Africa
- Public and Private institutions

Role Players that influence political decisions

- Legislative institutions, Executive institutions, Cabinet secretariat
- Political office-bearers, Groups, Voluntary associations or unions
- Research institutions, Commission of enquiry, Departmental
- The media, International bodies

Who makes laws and policies in South Africa

- At national level, the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces make national laws
- At provincial level, the nine provincial legislatures
- At municipal level, the 278 different municipal councils make municipal by-laws

Public and Private institutions

Public Institutions	Private Institutions
Exist to improve the welfare of citizens	Exist to make profit for their owners and shareholders
Provide services to satisfy the needs of the community	Sell products or services to people
Account to the employer (the state)	Account to employers (the companies)
The state pays the salaries of officials	Companies pay the salaries of staff