THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PUBLIC SERVICE AND CIVIL SERVICE

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In one article that was previously written, the definition of what it takes to become a government employee was provided (Perello 2019). From there, the services aimed at helping people survive and at the same time traits of government service is briefly explained. But then again, being a government employee equates to being a public servant. This comes to the question between what is public service and from civil service? Civil service and public have their striking similarities yet they also have clear cut differences.

Public service and civil service both perform duties for the benefit of the masses (Squadrin 2018). Both of them are coming from the government offices. Civil service and public service are mandated by the law and adheres strictly to it. They cater the welfare of the people in a certain society or community. How are they different?

Public service are at the grass roots of service provider. Public servants are more like the work force of the government. They are the ones who deal with people. Being a public servant means that you are either appointed or elected. In the case of the education sector, teachers are public servants. They teach the masses in helping them become productive citizens. Police, Bureau of fire even public hospitals are providers of public service. Government officials, being elected to their positions, are categorized as public servants. They facilitate the administration of public service ensuring that all constituents receive government service whenever and where ever it is needed.
Civil service on the other hand are those occupying the positions through eligibility examinations and qualifying tests. They ensure that the law in providing service to all people is followed and strictly implemented. They are positioned based on their merits and skills in performing duties and responsibilities primarily in the administrative field of government. This may include school administrators who are screened and selected based on their capabilities of performing administrative tasks. Head teachers before ranking procedures take competency tests administered by the schools division office. Principals take the National Qualifying Examination for Schools Heads or simply put the Principal’s Test to become qualified for school head position. One qualification required to occupy the higher positions in the education sector is passing and completing the series of Civil Executive Service Eligibility Exams.

But in the end, whatever position is occupied, it all boils down to one thing and that is serving the public. Administrators ensure that the youth gets proper education and teachers do their part in honing and developing the young minds. Both are governed and mandated by the law and both adhere strictly to the rules of the land. Whatever it may be, both public service and civil service aims towards the betterment of the people.

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