

What is the Public Policy Cycle?

Public policy development is an iterative process, rather than a linear one. There are five key phases which result in public policy:

- ١ .The emergence of a problem that requires the attention of the public and decision makers.
- ٢ .Placing this problem on the government s agenda in order to find a solution.
- ٣ .The formulation of various alternatives to resolve the problem.
- ٤ .The adoption of a policy.
- ٥ .The implementation and evaluation of the policy. In reality, the process is less orderly than this: the idea of a cycle facilitates more organized thinking about policy .