

official**1. [ə'fɪʃ(ə)] n**

1. должностное лицо; чиновник; служащий (*государственный, банковский*)
municipal officials - муниципальные власти
government officials - государственные служащие; правительственные чиновники
high official - высокое должностное лицо
railway officials - железнодорожные чиновники
international official - международное должностное лицо (*в ООН и т. п.*)

2. *уст.* председатель или судья церковного суда

3. *pl спорт.* судейская коллегия

2. [ə'fɪʃ(ə)] a

1. служебный, должностной

- official duties /responsibilities/ - служебные обязанности
- official records - служебные документы
- official position - служебное положение
- official uniform - служебная форма; форменная одежда
- official secrecy - служебная тайна
- to violate official secrecy - выдавать /разглашать/ служебную тайну
- for official use only - только для служебного пользования
- to be on official business - находиться при исполнении служебных обязанностей

2. официальный

- official representative - официальный представитель
- official statement - официальное заявление
- official condolences - официальное выражение соболезнования
- official language of a region - государственный язык данной местности
- in official capacity - *дип.* в официальном качестве
- coming from an official source - исходящий из официального источника
- that report [the news] is not official - это сообщение неофициальное [эти новости из неофициального источника]

3. формальный, церемонный, казённый

- official manner /style/ - формальный/официально-деловой стиль
- official reply - формальный ответ
- official circumlocution - бюрократическая волокита

4. принятый в медицине и фармакопее, фармакопейный, официальный

- official drugs [prescriptions] - официально принятые лекарства [рецепты]

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of-fi-cial [official officials] adjective, noun *BrE* [ə'fɪʃl] ^m *NAmE* [ə'fɪʃl] ^m

adjective

1. **only before noun** connected with the job of sb who is in a position of authority

- official responsibilities
- the Prime Minister's official residence
- He attended in his official capacity as mayor.
- This was her first official engagement.
- He made an official visit to Tokyo in March.

2. **usually before noun** agreed to, said, done, etc. by sb who is in a position of authority

- an official announcement/decision/statement
- according to official statistics /figures
- the official biography of the President
- An official inquiry has been launched into the cause of the accident.
- The country's official language is Spanish.
- I intend to lodge an official complaint (= to complain to sb in authority) .
- The news is not yet official.

3. **only before noun** that is told to the public but may not be true

- I only knew the official version of events.
- The official story has always been that they are just good friends.

4. **only before noun** formal and attended by people in authority

- an official function/reception
- The official opening is planned for October.

Opp: ↑unofficial

Word Origin:

Middle English (originally as a noun): via Old French from Latin *officialis*, from *officium* 'performance of a task' (in medieval Latin also 'office, divine service'), based on *opus* 'work' + *facere* 'do'.

Thesaurus:

official *adj.* **usually before noun**

- She was in Berlin on official business

formal • • **authorized** • • **licensed** • • **accredited** •

Opp: unofficial

official/formal/authorized/licensed **institutions**

a/an official/formal/authorized **body**

an official/a formal **announcement /request/inquiry/complaint/protest/apology/agreement**

Example Bank:

- An official announcement is expected tomorrow.
- An official enquiry has been launched into the cause of the accident.
- He stepped into the waiting official car.
- I intend to make an official complaint.
- She attended in her official capacity as mayor.
- That was the official version of events but nobody believed it.
- The country's official language is Spanish.
- The minister was in Berlin on official business.
- The official line is that the date for the election has not yet been decided.
- The official news agency reported an attack by rebel soldiers.
- The report revealed official corruption in relation to road building.

noun (often in compounds)

a person who is in a position of authority in a large organization

- a bank/company/court/government official
- a senior official in the State Department
- Palace officials are refusing to comment on the royal divorce.

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Thesaurus:

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- A senior official issued a statement.

officer • • **civil servant** • • **commissioner** • • **secretary** • • **mayor** • • **councillor** • |AmE also **councilor** • |AmE **councilman/councilwoman** • |often disapproving **bureaucrat** •

a **senior** official/officer/civil servant/councillor/bureaucrat

a **government** official/officer/bureaucrat

appoint a/an official/officer/commissioner

Official or officer? **Official** is a general word for sb in a position of authority; **officer** is often part of a job title

- government/bank/Olympic officials
- an environmental health officer
- the chief medical officer

Example Bank:

- He attempted to bribe local officials.
- Report the incident to the responsible official.
- She is due to meet with local officials to discuss possible relief projects.
- a senior Bush administration official
- full-time union officials
- his background as a union official
- the FBI and other law enforcement officials
- the official responsible for handling the case
- A senior official in the State Department issued a statement.
- Palace officials are refusing to comment on the king's state of health.
- Union officials are now seeking an early meeting with company directors.

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I. **official**¹ **S3 W1** /ə'fɪʃəl/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

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someone who is in a position of authority in an organization:

- a government official
- senior administration officials

II. **official**² **S3 W2** BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ **adjective**

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1. approved of or done by someone in authority, especially the government:

- an official investigation into the causes of the explosion
- the official policy on education
- official statistics about illegal drug use
- You will have to get official permission first.

Finally the letter of appointment came, making it all official.

2. relating to or done as part of an important job or position

an official visit/engagement etc

- " The President was leaving for a four-day official tour of Mexico.
- " the Queen's performance of official duties
- " They dined in an official capacity with other European leaders.
- " the Lord Mayor's official residence

3. an official explanation, account etc is one that is given formally and publicly, but may not be true:

- " Many doubted the official version of events.
- " The official line (=what is said publicly by people in authority) was that the troops were there to protect the King.

4. chosen to represent someone or an organization, or do something for them:

- " the company's official logo
- " the official representative from the American administration

5. an official event is a formal public event:

- " The official opening of the institute was in May.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **nouns**

- **an official visit/engagement etc** (=one that relates to an important job or position) The Prime Minister was on an official visit to China.
- **somebody's official duties** (=the things someone does as part of their job or position) the royal family's official duties.
- **an official residence** (=a house someone is able to use as part of their important job) the ambassador's official residence in London
- **somebody's official capacity** (=someone's official position or duty) He spent Wednesday in Washington acting in his official capacity as Senate majority leader.

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