

**rationale**

[ˌræʃəˈna:l] *n* **КНИЖН.**

1. логическое обоснование; разумное объяснение  
the rationale of the decision in the case - основание, по которому было вынесено (определённое) решение по данному делу
2. основная причина; рациональная основа, подоплёка (*чего-л.*)  
the rationale of the law - основа закона
3. *полит.* мотивировка, обоснование; соображения, лежащие в основе (*чего-л.*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ra-tion-ale** [rationale rationales] *BrE* [ˌræʃəˈna:l] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [ˌræʃəˈnæl] <sup>2</sup> **noun**

~ (behind/for/of sth) (formal)

the principles or reasons which explain a particular decision, course of action, belief, etc.

**Syn:** ↑reason

- What is the rationale behind these new exams?

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: modern Latin, neuter (used as a noun) of Latin *rationalis* 'endowed with reason', from *ratio(n)-* 'reckoning, reason', from *rat-* 'reckoned', from the verb *rerī*.

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**ra-tio-nale** /ˌræʃəˈna:l/\$-ˈnæl/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> **noun** [countable usually singular]

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑rationality ≠ ↑irrationality, ↑rationale, ↑rationalism, ↑rationalist, ↑rationalization; **adjective:** ↑rational ≠ ↑irrational, ↑rationalist; **verb:** ↑rationalize; **adverb:** ↑rationally ≠ ↑irrationally]

[**Date:** 1600-1700; **Language:** Modern Latin; **Origin:** Latin *rationalis*; ⇨ ↑rational]

**formal** the reasons for a decision, belief etc

**rationale behind/for/of**

- \* The rationale behind the changes is not at all evident.
- \* The rationale for using this teaching method is to encourage student confidence.

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**THESAURUS**

- **reason** why something happens, or why someone does something: What was the reason for the delay? | I don't know the reason why he left his last job.
- **explanation** a set of reasons that helps you to understand why something happens, especially when it seems difficult to understand: There are various possible explanations for climate change. | Is there any explanation for his behavior?
- **motive** a reason that makes someone decide to do something – often used about crimes: Police say that there is no obvious motive for the attack.
- **justification** a good reason for doing something that seems wrong: There is never any justification for torture or abuse. | They try to use the situation in the Middle East as a justification for killing innocent civilians. | There's no justification for this type of behaviour.
- **grounds** a reason that makes it right or fair to do something, especially according to legal, official, or moral rules: The court will decide if she has grounds for divorce. | They claim the war is justified on moral grounds (=because of moral reasons).
- **basis** the main ideas or reasons on which something is based: The doctor makes his decisions purely on the basis of clinical observation. | What do you think is the basis for this advice?
- **rationale** /ˌræʃəˈna:l/\$-ˈnæl/ **formal** a set of reasons that are used to explain why someone does something in a particular way: the rationale behind the government's economic reforms | This chapter explains the nature of yearly plans, and provides a rationale for their use.

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