



## **Dr. Thomas Schäfer, Minister of Finance of the State of Hessen**

Born on 22nd February 1966  
in Hemer, Sauerland;  
Protestant;  
Married;  
One daughter, one son

### **Curriculum vitae**

1985	<i>Abitur</i> (higher education entrance qualification) obtained at Lahntalschule in Biedenkopf
1985 - 1988	Banking traineeship at the Biedenkopf district savings bank
1985 - 2006 and 2011	Member of the municipal council in Biedenkopf
1988 - 1995	Studies of Law at Philipps University in Marburg; 1995: First (1995) and Second (1997) State Examinations in Law while employed at the savings bank Marburg-Biedenkopf in organisation, EDP, personnel and law departments
1990 - 2012	Member of the County Council in the county of Marburg-Biedenkopf
1996 - 1999	Awarded Doctorate in Law by the Faculty of Law at Philipps University in Marburg, Prof. Dr. Werner Frotscher; Thesis: " <i>The effects of extended civic participation on the Hessian municipal constitution - a contribution to furthering the reform of the local government by-laws in the State of Hessen</i> "
1995 - 1998	Lecturer for private and public law at Deutsche Angestellten Akademie (DAA, an academy for further education) in Marburg
1998 - 1999	Admission to the bar; Legal Counsel at Commerzbank AG in Frankfurt/Main
1999 - 2002	Head of the Minister's office at the Ministry of Justice of the State of Hessen
2002 - 2013	Deputy District Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) at Marburg-Biedenkopf
since 2013	District Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) at Marburg-Biedenkopf
2002 - 2005	Head of the general policy department and of the Minister President's office at the State Chancellery in Wiesbaden
2005 - 2009	State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice of the State of Hessen
2009 - 2010	State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance of the State of Hessen
since August 2010	Minister of Finance of the State of Hessen

since August 2010	Member of the Finance Committee of the <i>Bundesrat</i>
since September 2010	Deputy Member of the <i>Bundesrat</i> for the State of Hessen
since January 2014	Member of the Parliament of the State of Hessen ( <i>Landtag</i> )
since March 2014	Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Commissioner for E-Government and Information Technology of the State of Hessen
2011 - 2016	Chairman of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Finance of the federal state governments in 2011, 2013 and 2015 and Deputy Chairman in 2012, 2014 and 2016