



Dr. Thomas de Maizière (CDU)
Federal Minister of Defence

1972	Born on 21 January 1954 in Bonn; married, three children
1974-1979	Higher education entrance qualification, military service Studied law and history in Münster and Freiburg, first state examination
1982	Second state examination
1983	Worked for the Governing Mayors of Berlin, Richard von Weizsäcker and Eberhard Diepgen
1986	Obtained doctorate in law from the University of Münster
1985-1989	Head of the Policy Division at the Berlin Senate Chancellery; Press Spokesman for the CDU parliamentary group in the Berlin House of Representatives
1990	Helped establish the office of Prime Minister of the last GDR Government; member of the delegation negotiating the Unification Treaty
1990-1994	State Secretary at the Mecklenburg-Western Pomeranian Ministry of Culture
1994-1998	Head of the Mecklenburg-Western Pomeranian State Chancellery
1999	Advisor and, from October 1999, Minister of State and Head of the Saxon State Chancellery
2001-2002	Saxon Minister of State for Finance
2002-2004	Saxon Minister of State for Justice
2004-2005	Saxon Minister of State for the Interior
2004-November 2005	Member of the Saxon Landtag (regional parliament)
November 2005	Federal Minister and Head of the Federal Chancellery
October 2009	Federal Minister of the Interior and Member of the German Parliament
March 2011	Federal Minister of Defence