

Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor

Born 13.4.1961, married to Paola Rodoni Cassis

Education and degrees

1987 Master of Human Medicine from the University of Zurich

1996 Master of Public Health from the University of Geneva

1997 Doctoral thesis at the University of Lausanne

1998 Swiss Medical Association (FMH) specialist in internal medicine

1998 FMH specialist in prevention and public health

Political activities

Since 1.11.2017 – Federal Councillor, head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

04.06.2007 to 31.10.2017 – Member of the [National Council](#) – FDP.The Liberals, Ticino

30.11.2015 to 02.10.2017 – Member of the Office of the National Council, group president

20.11.2015 to 02.10.2017 – President of FDP.The Liberals Group in the Swiss Parliament

10.12.2015 to 02.10.2017 – National Council Social Security and Health Committee (SSHC-N),
president

25.11.2013 to 09.12.2015 – SSHC-N, vice-president

03.12.2007 to 24.11.2013 – SSHC-N, member

05.12.2011 to 02.10.2017 – Drafting Committee, Sub-Committee of the Italian Language, member

03.12.2007 to 04.12.2011 – Drafting Committee, deputy

19.06.2007 to 02.12.2007 – Science, Education and Culture Committee (SECC-N), member

05.12.2011 to 09.12.2015 – EFTA/EU Delegation, member

01.01.2010 to 04.12.2011 – EFTA/EU Delegation, president

03.12.2007 to 31.12.2009 – EFTA/EU Delegation, deputy

15.12.2011 to 02.10.2017 – Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), member

15.11.2011 to 02.10.2017 – ITALIANITA' - cross-party group, co-president

15.11.2011 to 02.10.2017 – Switzerland – Poland cross-party group, deputy president

15.12.2011 to 02.10.2017 – Switzerland – Israel cross party-group, deputy president

01.01.2015 to 02.10.2017 – 'Plurilingualism CH' parliamentary group, co-president

Other political offices

April 2004 to April 2014 – Communal council of Collina d'Oro

Professional career

1988 to 1996 – Assistant doctor in surgery, internal medicine, and social and preventive medicine

1996 to 2008 – Cantonal officer of health for the Republic and Canton of Ticino

2008 to 2012 – Deputy chair of FMH

2001 to 2017 – Visiting professor at various Swiss universities (see below)

2012 to 2017 – President of CURAVIVA Switzerland (national umbrella association of homes and social institutions)

2013 to 2017 – President of curafutura (association of innovative healthcare insurers)

Teaching activities

2001 to 2017 – Visiting professor at the University of Lugano (Net-MEGS, MAS in *economia e management sanitario e sociosanitario*)

2008 to 2017 – Visiting professor at the University of Zurich (MPH, Master of Public Health)

2009 to 2017 – Visiting professor at the University of Lausanne (Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, CAS *en management de la santé*)

2014 to 2017 – Visiting professor at the University of Bern (*DAS/MAS Management im Gesundheitswesen*)

Secondary activities

2010 to 2017 – President of Equam

2010 to 2017 – President of *Fourchette Verte Ticino*

2011 to 2017 – Board member of SWISS LABEL

2012 to 2017 – President of Radix Switzerland

2013 to 2017 – Deputy president of CADES

2014 to 2017 – Board member of FAIRMED

2015 to 2017 – Board member of the *Fondation pour la promotion du goût*

Other previous activities

1991 to 1999 – Member of the Federal Commission for Sexual Health (FCSH)

2000 to 2003 – Member of the CDS–GDK task force to coordinate advanced medicine in Switzerland

1997 to 2005 – Member of the former Federal Commission for Drug-related Issues (FCDI)

2005 to 2006 – Member of the national steering group on a Swiss eHealth strategy

2005 to 2007 – Member of the national commission on prevention and health promotion for 2010

2001 to 2009 – President of Public Health Switzerland

2008 to 2009 – Board member of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMW-ASSM)

2009 to 2011 – Board member of the *Ospedale Malcantonese* Foundation

2008 to 2012 – Deputy president of the Swiss Association of the Liberal Professions

1998 to 2013 – Associate doctor at the University of Lausanne, Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (IUMSP)

2012 to 2013 – Member of the Board of Directors of the *Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale* (public hospitals of Ticino)

2004 to 2014 – Town council member of Collina d'oro (Ticino)

2008 to 2014 – Member of the Board of Directors of Zona Protetta

2013 to 2015 – Chair of the Board of Directors of Swiss Tasting

2008 to 2015 – Scientific committee member of the Swiss eHealth Forum

2007 to 2015 – Board member of Forum Managed Care