

Mikhail Kasyanov

Prime Minister of Russia

Mikhail Kasyanov was born on Dec. 8, 1957, in a suburb of Moscow. He studied economics and engineering, graduating in 1983 as a civil engineer.

During the 1980s, Mr. Kasyanov worked for the government as an engineer and senior economist. In 1990, he joined Russia's Ministry of the Economy, where he was an official in foreign trade and foreign economic relations. In 1993, he joined the Ministry of Finance, where he headed the foreign credits and foreign debt department.

In 1999, Mr. Kasyanov became Russia's Minister of Finance. In January 2000, he was appointed First Deputy Prime Minister and remained Minister of Finance. On May 7, 2000, he became acting Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

On May 17, 2000, Mr. Kasyanov was appointed Prime Minister of Russia.

Mr. Kasyanov is married and has one child.