



**MR GERHARD SCHRÖDER CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

Born on 7 April 1944 in Mossenburg/Lippe,
Protestant, married



1951 – 1958 : Primary and secondary schooling
1959 – 1961 : Apprenticeship as retail sales
assistant
1962 – 1964 : Evening classes, obtaining
secondary school leaving certificate
1964 – 1966 : Adult education college,
obtaining Abitur (university entrance
qualification)
1966 – 1971 : Law studies at Göttingen
University, first state examination

1972 – 1976 : Practical training in legal work; second state examination; admitted to
practise as lawyer

1978 – 1990 : Independent lawyer in Hanover

1963 : Joins the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)

1978 – 1980 : Federal Chairman of the Young Socialists in the SPD

Since 1986 : Member of the SPD party executive

Since 1989 : Member of the SPD Presidium

1980 – 1986 : Member of the German Bundestag

1986 – 1990 : Chairman of the SPD parliamentary group in the Landtag of Lower
Saxony

1990 – 1998 : Minister–President of Lower Saxony

1994 – 1998 : Chairman of the Lower Saxony SPD association

Since 27 October 1998 : Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany

12 April 1999 : Elected Chairman of the SPD

7 December 1999 : Re–elected Chairman of the SPD

19 November 2001 : Re–elected Chairman of the SPD

30 December 2002 : Awarded honorary doctorate by Tongji University, Shanghai

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