

Curriculum vitae:

Karin Prien

Federal Minister of Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Personal details

- Born in Amsterdam on 26 June 1965
- Karin Prien is married and has three children.

Professional career

- 1984: Higher education entrance qualification (Abitur) in Neuwied
- 1984: Studied law and political science in Bonn, first state examination in law in 1989
- 1986–1989: Student assistant to the press spokesperson of Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker
- 1990–1991: Postgraduate studies in Amsterdam, specialising in international commercial law; degree: LL.M.,
- 1991–1994: Practical legal training in Hanover, second state examination in law
- Since 1994: Lawyer with a focus on business and insolvency law in Hanover, Leipzig and Hamburg
- Since 2008: Specialised lawyer for commercial and corporate law, business mediator, partner of the law firm Prinzenberg Prien & Partner Rechtsanwälte



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Political career

- Since 1981: Member of the CDU (Christian Democratic Union)
- 2011–2015: Member of the Hamburg Parliament, member of the CDU parliamentary group's executive committee, and spokesperson on business and schools
- 2010–2018: Member of the Land executive committee of the CDU Hamburg
- 2015–2017: Member of the Hamburg Parliament, Deputy Chairperson of the CDU parliamentary group in Hamburg, spokesperson on schools, refugees, the Constitution, the rules of procedure and the scrutiny of elections
- Since 2018: Chairperson of the Jewish Forum (Jüdisches Forum) of the CDU
- Since 2018: Deputy Land Chairperson of the CDU in Schleswig-Holstein
- Since 2019: Chairperson of the CDU Federal Committee on Education, Research and Innovation
- 2017–2025: Minister for Education, Science and Culture of the Land of Schleswig-Holstein
- Since 2025: Federal Minister for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth