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104 YEARS FEDERAL STATE — 67 FEDERAL COUNCILLORS

In September, 104 years ago the new Constitution came into force, giving the Federal Chambers the powers to elect a President and Federal Councillors.

We consider it an opportune moment to recall the names of the Federal Councillors, who have since 1848 been associated with the Federal Government. Here they are:

NAME	LIVED <i>from to</i>	CANTON	FED. COUNC. <i>from to</i>	PRESIDENT
1. Furrer, J. ...	1805-1861	Zurich ...	1848-1861	1848, 52, 55, 58
2. Ochsenbein, U. ...	1811-1890	Bern ...	1848-1854	
3. Druey, H. ...	1799-1855	Vaud ...	1848-1855	1850
4. Munzinger, J. ...	1791-1855	Solothurn ...	1848-1855	1851
5. Franscini, St. ...	1796-1857	Ticino ...	1848-1857	
6. Frey, F. ...	1801-1873	Aargau ...	1848-1866	1854, 60
7. Näff, W. ...	1802-1881	St. Gall ...	1848-1875	1855
8. Stämpfli, J. ...	1820-1879	Bern ...	1854-1863	1856, 59, 62
9. Fornerod, C. ...	1820-1899	Vaud ...	1820-1899	1857, 63, 67
10. Knüsel, M. ...	1813-1889	Lucerne ...	1855-1875	1861, 66
11. Pioda, G. ...	1808-1882	Ticino ...	1857-1864	
12. Dubs, J. ...	1822-1879	Zurich ...	1861-1872	1864, 68, 70
13. Schenk, K. ...	1823-1895	Bern ...	1863-1895	1865, 71, 74, 78, 85, 93
14. Challet, J. ...	1814-1893	Geneva ...	1864-1872	
15. Welte, E. ...	1825-1899	Aargau ...	1867-1891	1869, 72, 76, 81, 84, 91
16. Ruffi, V. ...	1823-1869	Vaud ...	1867-1869	
17. Cérésole, P. ...	1832-1905	Vaud ...	1870-1875	1873
18. Scherrer, J. ...	1825-1878	Zurich ...	1872-1878	1875
19. Borel, E. ...	1835-1892	Neuchâtel ...	1872-1875	
20. Heer, J. ...	1825-1879	Glarus ...	1875-1879	1877
21. Anderwert, F. ...	1828-1880	Thurgau ...	1875-1880	
22. Hammer, B. ...	1822-1907	Solothurn ...	1875-1890	1879, 80
23. Droz, N. ...	1844-1899	Neuchâtel ...	1875-1892	1881, 87
24. Bavier, S. ...	1825-1896	Grisons ...	1879-1883	1882
25. Hertenstein, W. ...	1825-1888	Zurich ...	1879-1888	1888
26. Ruchonnet, L. ...	1834-1893	Vaud ...	1881-1893	1883, 90
27. Deucher, A. ...	1831-1912	Thurgau ...	1883-1912	1886, 97, 1903, 09
28. Hauser, W. ...	1837-1902	Zurich ...	1888-1902	1892, 1900
29. Frey, E. ...	1838-1922	Basel Land ...	1890-1897	1894
30. Zemp, J. ...	1834-1908	Lucerne ...	1891-1908	1895, 1902
31. Lachenal, A. ...	1849-1918	Geneva ...	1892-1899	1896
32. Ruffi, E. ...	1854-1919	Vaud ...	1893-1899	1898
33. Müller, E. ...	1848-1919	Berne ...	1895-1919	1899, 1907, 13
34. Brenner E. ...	1856-1911	Basel Stadt ...	1897-1911	1901, 08
35. Comtesse, R. ...	1874-1922	Neuchâtel ...	1899-1912	1904- 10
36. Ruchet, M. ...	1853-1912	Vaud ...	1899-1912	1905, 11
37. Forrer, L. ...	1845-1921	Zurich ...	1902-1917	1906, 12
38. Schobinger, J. ...	1849-1911	Lucerne ...	1908-1911	
39. Hoffmann, A. ...	1857-1927	St. Gall ...	1911-1917	1914
40. Motta, G. ...	1871-1940	Ticino ...	1911-1940	1915, 20, 27, 32, 37
41. Perrier, L. ...	1849-1913	Neuchâtel ...	1912-1913	
42. Décoppet, C. ...	1862-1925	Vaud ...	1912-1919	1916
43. Schulthess, E. ...	1868-1944	Aargau ...	1912-1935	1917, 21, 28, 33
44. Calonder, F. ...	1863-1952	Grisons ...	1913-1920	1918
45. Ador, G. ...	1845-1928	Geneva ...	1917-1919	1919
46. Haab, R. ...	1865-1939	Zurich ...	1917-1929	1922, 29
47. Scheurer, K. ...	1872-1929	Bern ...	1919-1929	1923
48. Chuard, E. ...	1857-1942	Vaud ...	1919-1928	1924
49. Musy, J. ...	1876-1952	Fribourg ...	1919-1934	1925, 1930
50. Haeberlin, H. ...	1868-1947	Thurgau ...	1920-1934	1926, 1931
51. Pilet M. ...	1889-	Vaud ...	1928-1944	1934, 1940
52. Minger, R. ...	1881	Bern ...	1929-1940	1935
53. Meyer, A. ...	1870	Zurich ...	1929-1938	1935

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	from	to		from	to		
54. Baumann, J.	...	1874	Appenzell	1934-1940	1928
55. Etter, Ph.	...	1891	Zug	1934	1939, 42, 47
56. Obrecht, H.	...	1882-1940	Solothurn	...	...	1935-1940	
57. Wetter, E.	...	1877	Zurich	...	...	1938-1943	1941
58. Celio, E.	...	1889	Ticino	...	...	1940-1950	1942, 48
59. Stampfli, W.	...	1884	Solothurn	...	...	1940-1947	1944
60. Kobelt, C.	...	1891	St. Gall	...	...	1940	1946, 52
61. v. Steiger, E.	...	1881	Berne	...	...	1940-1951	1945, 51
62. Nobs, E.	...	1886	Zurich	...	...	1943-1951	1949
63. Petitpierre, M.	...	1899	Neuchâtel	...	...	1945	1950
64. Rubattel, R.	...	1896	Vaud	...	...	1948	
65. Escher, J.	...	1885	Valais	...	...	1950	
66. Feldmann, M.	...	1897	Bern	...	...	1952	
67. Weber, M.	...	1897	Zurich	...	...	1952	

According to the above particulars the following cantons have up to today never been represented in the government: Uri, Schwyz, Unterwalden and Schaffhausen.

The cantons Vaud and Zurich take first place in government representation with 11 members each, the canton of Berne had 8 Federal Councillors, Neuchâtel 5, Solothurn 4, Ticino 4, Lucerne 3, St. Gall 3, Aargau 3, Thurgau 3, Geneva 3, Basle (both) 2, Grisons 2.

The following cantons had one representative each in the Federal Government: Glarus, Zug, Fribourg, Appenzell, Valais.



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