

Liisa Hyssälä Curriculum Vitae

Nationality: Finnish.

Degrees

Master of Social Sciences (1974)

Major subjects: Social Policy, Sociology, Economics, Practical Philosophy, and Public Health

Licentiate in Dentistry (1978)

Specialist in Public Dental Health (1986)

Doctor of Dental Science (1992)

Administrative Qualification for Medical Specialists (1993)

Professional Experience

Social Welfare Worker 1971–1974

Municipal Health Centre Dentist 1977–1978 and 1985–1986

Private Practice Dentist 1978–1995

Member of the Management Team, Dental Clinic 1989–1995

Lecturer and Researcher in Public Health, University of Turku 1989–1995

Member of Parliament, Parliament of Finland 1995–2010

Minister of Basic Services (Jäätteenmäki Government)

17 April 2003 – 23 June 2003

Minister of Basic Services (Vanhanen Government)

24 June 2003 – 18 April 2007

Minister of Social Affairs and Health (Vanhanen II Government)

19 April 2007 – 24 May 2010

Minister at the Ministry of Labour (Vanhanen II Government)

19 April 2007 – 1 January 2008

Director General, Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela)

(Acting Director General: 1 July – 30 September 2010)

1 October 2010 – 31 December 2016

Senior Advisor, Sitra – The Finnish Innovation Fund
1 January 2017-2021

Honours and Decorations

Phoenix Universitatis Turkuensis Medal, University of Turku (2003)
Cross of Merit of the Finnish War Disabled (2003)
Commander of the Order of the White Rose of Finland (2004)
Cross of Merit of the Frontline Women's Association (2004)
Medal of Merit of the Finnish War Veterans Association (2004)
Cross of Honour of the Front Veterans Association (2005)

Honorary Title

Honorary Title of Minister (awarded 2020)