

**Peter Hauk** is Minister of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection. Peter Hauk was born on 24 December 1960 in Walldürn. Following his A-levels and military service, he studied forestry in Freiburg. In 1987 he completed this, obtaining the qualification Graduate in Forest Management, and in 1989 took the major state forestry examination. Subsequently he worked until 2002 as a forest assessor for the Freiburg Forestry Directorate and was deputy manager of the Public Forestry Office in Schöntal (Jagst) and project manager at the Forest Research Institute of Baden-Württemberg. From 2002 to 2005, Peter Hauk was head of the forestry office in Adelsheim.

Since 1992 he has been a member of the Baden-Württemberg state parliament as a directly elected MP for the constituency of Neckar-Odenwald. In 2005 he took over the post of Minister of Nutrition and Rural Affairs, a position he held for five years. In 2010, the parliamentary CDU elected him as their leader. He led the parliamentary party until 2015.

On 12 May 2016 he once again became Minister in what was now renamed the Ministry of Rural Affairs and Consumer Protection.

Peter Hauk is catholic and has three children.