

Zambia's Ministers and Their Qualifications, October 2026

All 38 ministers sworn in on 14 September and 28 October 2026: 24 Cabinet ministers, four September appointees and ten provincial ministers. Compiled 28 October 2026 from National Assembly member profiles and other public sources. Red text marks information not published in the sources checked.

Cabinet ministers sworn in on 28 October 2026

No.	Minister	Portfolio	Constituency (2026)	Highest qualification	Qualifications as listed	Profession	Previous senior roles
1	Ambrose Lwiji Lufuma	Defence	Kabompo East	Master's	BA (Economics); MA (Community and Regional Planning); Certificate in Agriculture and Resource Development; Certificate in Managing Development Projects	Economist	Minister of Defence, 2021 to 2026; MP since 2011
2	Clement Andeleki	Home Affairs and Internal Security	Kazungula North	Doctorate	Doctor of Philosophy in Laws; Master of Law; Bachelor of Law; Certificate in Law	Lawyer	MP for Katombola, 2021 to 2026
3	Moses F Moyo	Agriculture	Luangeni	Bachelor's	Bachelor of Business Administration; Diploma in Marketing; Certificate in Diplomatic Practices, Protocol and Public Relations	Data Officer	Second Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, 2021 to 2026
4	Olive C Chiboola	Fisheries and Livestock	Namwala East	Master's	Master of Science in Agricultural Economics; Bachelor of Arts in Economics	Economist	None found in public sources
5	Dr Caroline Katotobwe	Trade and Exports	Nominated	Doctorate	Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management; Master of Arts in Human Resource Management; Bachelor of Arts	Administrator	None found in public sources
6	Noel Nkhoma	Industry	Nominated	Postgraduate diploma	Postgraduate diploma, United Kingdom (subject not stated)	Banker; economist	Executive Director, Finance Bank; President, Economics Association of Zambia; CEO, BetterNow Finance; Chair, NRFA Board (2024)
7	Lucky Sichone	Small and Medium Enterprise Development	Konkola	Not found	Not found in public sources	Not found	First-term MP (elected 31 August 2026)
8	Brenda Mwika Tambatamba	Mines and Minerals Development	Kasempa	Master's	MA Social and Community Work Studies (Bradford University, UK); BA Social Work (UNZA); Diploma in Social Work (UNZA)	Social Worker	Minister of Labour and Social Security from 2021; MP since 2016
9	Peter Chibwe Kapala	Electricity	Chifunabuli South	Master's	Master's in Civil and Structural Engineering (University of Sheffield); Technician Certificate; registered engineer; Fellow, Engineering Institution of Zambia	Engineer	Minister of Energy, 2021 to 2024; Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, 2024 to 2026; Chair, Engineers Registration Board; Vice President, EIZ
10	Makozo Chikote	Petroleum	Luampa	Bachelor's	BA degree; Certificate in Diplomatic Practice, Protocol and Public Relations	Public Administrator	Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, 2021 to 2024; Minister of Energy, 2024 to 2026
11	Princess Kasune	Tourism	Keembe West	Master's	Master in Divinity (Theology); Master in Non-Profit Administration	Humanitarian; public speaker; theologian; fundraiser	Minister of Justice from July 2024
12	Collins Nzovu	Infrastructure and Urban Development	Nangoma	Master's	Master's in Water Engineering; Bachelor's in Engineering	Engineer	Previous ministerial office not confirmed in sources checked
13	Patrick Mucheleka	Lands	Luwingu Central	Not found	Not listed on Parliament profile	Development Specialist	None found in public sources
14	Elisha Matambo	Water Development and Sanitation	Lufwanyama East	Master's	MBA in Leadership and Wealth Creation; Bachelor of Theology in Pastoral Studies; certificates in Marketing and Economic Governance	Business executive; marketing executive; theologian	Copperbelt Provincial Minister from 2021

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15	Elvis Chishala Nkandu	Information and Media	Kaputa	Diploma	Diploma in Business Management and Administration	Not listed	Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts from 2021
16	Douglas Munsaka Syakalima	Skills and Higher Education	Not confirmed	Master's	MSc Applied Psychology of Behavioural Sciences; BA Ed (UNZA)	University Lecturer; Applied Psychologist	Minister of Education from 2021
17	Felix C Mutati	Technology and Science	Not confirmed	Professional (ACCA)	ACCA; Bachelor of Accountancy	Accountant	Minister of Technology and Science from 2021; earlier Minister of Finance (2017 Budget)
18	Harry Kamboni	Education	Kalomo Central	Bachelor's	BA Education; Art Teacher's Diploma	Academician; businessman	None found in public sources
19	Gift Simuunza Sialubalo	Local Government and Rural Development	Kariba	Not found	Not listed on Parliament profile	Businessman	Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, 2025 to 2026
20	Jacob Jack Mwiimbu	Justice	Monze East	Bachelor's	LLB; Legal Practitioners Qualifying Examination certificate; AHZ	Lawyer	Minister of Home Affairs and Internal Security from 2021
21	Misheck Nyambose	Labour and Social Security	Chasefu South	Bachelor's	Degree in Human Resource Management; Certificate in Accounts and Business Studies	Human Resource Manager	None found in public sources
22	Sheal S Mulyata	Community Development and Social Services	Rufunsa	Certificate	Form V; banking and finance certificates; Supervisory Management Certificate; Accountancy Appreciation Certificate	Banker	Lusaka Provincial Minister from 2021
23	Likando Mweemba Mufalali	Youth and Sports	Senanga	Diploma	CISCO Professional Diploma; Diploma in Management; Certificate in Computer Studies	Businessman; technician	None found in public sources
24	Christopher Chibuye	Culture and Arts	Luano	Bachelor's	BA in Public Administration and Development Studies	Public Administrator	None found in public sources

Cabinet ministers sworn in on 14 September 2026

No.	Minister	Portfolio	Constituency (2026)	Highest qualification	Qualifications as listed	Profession	Previous senior roles
25	Dr Situmbeko Musokotwane	Finance and National Planning	Liuwa	Doctorate	PhD (Monetary Economics); MA (Monetary Economics); BA (Economics)	Economist	Minister of Finance and National Planning, 2021 to 2026, reappointed 2026
26	Mulambo Hamakuni Haimbe	Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Nominated	Master's	Master of Law in Construction Law and Arbitration; LLB	Lawyer	Minister of Justice from 2021; later Minister of Foreign Affairs
27	Dr Gilbert Siame	Green Economy and Environment	Nominated	Doctorate	PhD and Master's in City and Regional Planning (University of Cape Town)	Academic; urban planner	Lecturer, UNZA; Director, Centre for Urban Research and Planning
28	Professor Roma Chilengi	Health	Nominated	Master's (plus MBChB)	MBChB and BSc Human Biology (UNZA); MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Epidemiology (University of London)	Physician; epidemiologist; vaccinologist	Director General, ZNPHI; Special Assistant to the President for Health; Professor of Vaccinology, University of Lusaka

Provincial ministers sworn in on 28 October 2026

No.	Minister	Portfolio	Constituency (2026)	Highest qualification	Qualifications as listed	Profession	Previous senior roles
29	Mwabashike Nkulukusa	Central Province	Not confirmed	Master's	MBA; Baccalaureate in Business Administration; PGDip Marketing	Business Administrator; marketer	Central Provincial Minister from July 2024

No.	Minister	Portfolio	Constituency (2026)	Highest qualification	Qualifications as listed	Profession	Previous senior roles
30	Emmanuel Kasambo	Copperbelt Province	Mpongwe West	Not found	Not found in public sources	Not found	PF Mpongwe constituency chairman before joining UPND (December 2025)
31	Yamikani Phiri	Eastern Province	Chadiza East	Not found	Not found in public sources	Not found	None found in public sources
32	Lesley Mulwanda	Luapula Province	Mweru	Bachelor's	Bachelor of Mineral Science	Mineral Scientist	None found in public sources
33	Obvious Summerton Mwaliteta	Lusaka Province	Kafue West	Grade 12	Grade 12	Businessman	Provincial Minister for Western (2012), Lusaka (2013, 2015) and Central (2013)
34	Jairo Simbeye	Muchinga Province	Nkombwa	Grade 12	Grade 12 Certificate	Politician	None found in public sources
35	Wedden Chileshe	Northern Province	Mporokoso	Master's	Master's in Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship; BA Business Administration	Business Administrator; entrepreneur	None found in public sources
36	Robert Lihefu	North-Western Province	Manyinga	Bachelor's	Bachelor of Business Administration	Businessman	MP since 2016
37	Edgar Sing'ombe	Southern Province	Not confirmed	Diploma	Diploma in Legal Studies; Advanced Certificate in Law; Immigration and Police Certificate	Immigration Officer	MP for Dundumwenzi from 2016
38	Kapelwa Astley Mbangweta	Western Province	Nkeyema	Bachelor's	BA Public Administration; Diploma in Labour Studies	Human Resources Expert	None found in public sources

Composition at a glance

Highest qualification	All 38	Cabinet (28)	Provincial (10)
Doctorate	4	4	0
Master's (incl. MBChB with MSc)	12	10	2
Professional (ACCA) or postgraduate diploma	2	2	0
Bachelor's	9	6	3
Diploma	3	2	1
Certificate	1	1	0
Grade 12	2	0	2
Not published	5	3	2
Postgraduate total	18	16	2
Held ministerial or provincial minister office before	16		

Method and caveats

Qualifications and professions come from National Assembly of Zambia member profiles (parliament.gov.zm), read on 28 October 2026. Members supply this information themselves. Where a profile was blank, mostly for new and nominated members, institutional pages and press profiles were used.

Qualifications are recorded as listed and have not been verified with awarding institutions. Earlier offices are listed only where a source confirms them. 'Highest qualification' is a normalised category for comparison.

Spelling: the State House list gives Shabashike Nkulusa, Jairos Simbeye and Kapelwa Ashley Mbangweta. Parliament records give Mwabashike Nkulukusa, Jairo Simbeye and Kapelwa Astley Mbangweta, used here.

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