

# Mikhail Mishustin factbox

Mikhail Mishustin, Vladimir Putin's pick to head the Russian government, has no political experience but is credited with modernizing Russia's tax system. Married with three sons, he plays ice hockey

■ **Mar 3, 1966:**  
**Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin** born in Moscow

■ **1989-92:** Graduates in systems engineering, completes postgraduate studies at Moscow's STANKIN Machine-Instrument Institute

■ **2003:** Receives PhD in economics

■ **2010:** Receives doctoral degree in economics

■ **Apr:** Handpicked by then-prime minister **Vladimir Putin** to run Federal Tax Service – Mishustin tasked with improving revenues



■ **2012:** Decorated with Order of Honour

■ **2014-18, VAT reforms:** Uses cutting edge technology to reduce VAT tax gap between revenue due and revenue collected. Receipts from VAT soar 64%

■ **2015:** Awarded Order for Merit to the Fatherland

■ **Jan 16, 2020:** Ruling United Russia party unanimously

approves candidacy of Mishustin as Prime Minister following shock resignation of **Dmitri Medvedev**