

# BRASILIEN

## Minister of Education

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### José Mendonca BEZERRA FILHO



He was born in Recife, State of Pernambuco, in 1966. He is married and has three children.

He is majored in Business Administration from the Faculty of Administrative Sciences, University of Pernambuco (UPE).

He studied Public Administration at Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University, USA).

He began his public life in politics at the age of 20 and was, at the time, the youngest elected state congressman in the country.

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He was elected Governor of Pernambuco in 2006, Deputy Governor in Jarbas Vasconcelos administration (1999-2002 and 2002-2006), Pernambuco Secretary of State (1991-1993) and state representative for two terms (1987-1990 and 1991-1994).

He was serving his third term as a federal congressman when he was invited to head the Ministry of Education.

He had an outstanding performance in the Federal House of Representatives as a political articulator, debater and proposer of projects of interest to Brazil. In education, he presented projects for expansion of FIES to include students from municipal institutions to,

and projects to establish the six years as the maximum age for children's literacy in public schools. He is the author of Information Act, which provides for the extension of the period of benefits until 2029, and the amendment of reelection for executive positions. He published the book *Reeleição: Aprimorando o Sistema Presidencial Brasileiro* [Reelection: Enhancing the Brazilian Presidential System].

He was the first vice-governor of Pernambuco to serve as a public executive. With a balanced profile manager, he ran important government programs and works, such as the presidency of the Steering Committee of State Reform, which took the bureaucratic apparatus of Pernambuco out of doldrums, by adopting a modern management policy. He led programs that attracted investments and structuring projects, such as Pernambuco Waters, the Roads to Development, rural electrification and the digital port, in addition to the consolidation of the port of Suape.

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He took over the state government and adopted a bold policy in management, with innovative programs and actions, including the expansion of full time schools, the Young Champion, Youth Agenda, Democratic University and the Integrated Action for Security. He was part of several boards, including the assembly of the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Pernambuco, as the Governor of Pernambuco, and he was the Executive Secretary of the Board Pernambuco Pact 21.