



In Focus

Peerages Awarded to Former Prime Ministers 1902–2016

The table below lists former prime ministers who have held office since 1902, together with information on whether the individuals received a peerage after leaving the House of Commons.

Prime Minister	Period in Office	Year Ceased to be an MP	Year Peerage Awarded	Title (if applicable)
David Cameron	2010–16	2016	—	—
Gordon Brown	2007–10	2015	—	—
Tony Blair	1997–2007	2007	—	—
John Major	1990–97	2001	—	—
Margaret Thatcher	1979–90	1992	1992	Baroness Thatcher (L)
James Callaghan	1976–79	1987	1987	Lord Callaghan of Cardiff (L)
Harold Wilson	1974–76 1964–70	1983	1983	Lord Wilson of Rievaulx (L)
Edward Heath	1970–74	2001	—	—
Sir Alec Douglas-Home	1963–64	1974	1974	Lord Home of the Hirsel (L)
Harold Macmillan	1957–63	1964	1984	Earl of Stockton (H)
Sir Anthony Eden	1955–57	1957	1961	Earl of Avon (H)
Sir Winston Churchill	1951–55 1940–45	1964	—	—
Clement Attlee	1945–51	1955	1955	Earl Attlee (H)
Neville Chamberlain	1937–40	1940 (died)	—	—
Stanley Baldwin	1935–37 1924–29 1923–24	1937	1937	Earl Baldwin of Bewdley (H)
Ramsay MacDonald	1929–35 1924	1937	—	—
Andrew Bonar Law	1922–23	1923 (died)	—	—
David Lloyd George	1916–22	1945	1945	Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor (H)
Herbert Asquith	1908–16	1924	1925	Earl of Oxford and Asquith (H)
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman	1905–08	1908 (died)	—	—
Arthur Balfour	1902–05	1922	1922	Earl of Balfour (H)

Key: L = Life Peerage; H = Hereditary Peerage

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