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I would like to make the following submission and comment about the WA Minimum Wage;

The minimum wage does not apply to certain awards such as the Clerks Private Sector Award and various other awards for retail and fast food jobs. These awards don't classify employees as adults until they turn 21. This can mean that a 18,19 or 20yo can be paid less than the minimum wage until they turn 21.

I don't believe this is fair to those young adults. How can there be a minimum wage that is not applied equally and equitably due to a loop hole in some awards. Surely a minimum wage should be applied across all awards. As it is implied, the WA minimum award payment should be a minimum base payment for everyone once they turn 18.

I am of the strong opinion that the minimum wage should apply to all awards once the person turns 18.