



Press Release

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Part-time Students Applaud Ontario Government for 15 and Fairness Announcement

The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto has been an advocate for a \$15 minimum wage and decent workplace. APUS applauds the Ontario Government for its announcement to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2019. This victory is a great step in the right direction for our fight for a living wage and better work conditions in the province.

Here is a summary of the key victories:

- \$15 general minimum wage by 2019
- Equal pay for part-time, casual, temporary and contract workers, including temporary agency workers
- Fairer scheduling
- An extra week's paid vacation (after 5 years of service)
- 10 emergency leave days for all workers, two (2) of which will be paid and no doctor's note will be required for any worker taking emergency leave
- Protection for contract service workers against contract flipping in the building services sector and publicly-funded institutions (like colleges and universities)
- Measures to make it easier for workers to join unions
- Hiring of government staff to enforce workers' rights and to hold employers accountable

APUS represents all part-time undergraduates at the University of Toronto. We would like to reaffirm our commitment to continue the fight and advocate for decent wages and protection in the workplace. Often times it is the most vulnerable that face the most hard work conditions. The majority of people in Ontario who earn less than \$15 per hour are young, women, racialized, indigenous, and people with disabilities. When celebrating victories like this one, we must not forget our commitment to combat all forms of oppression. We will continue to mobilize for decent living wages and better working conditions.

When communities come together, work hard and organize, we win. Although our fight for better work conditions continues, we rise up and congratulate each and every person who made this possible!

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