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Nation's Capital and Beyond Since 1917**



Finding Work Now

- Minimum Wage in the United States (*if not tipped)
 - Federal Minimum Wage - **\$7.25**
 - State's Have Right to Increase Minimum Wage
 - VA - **\$12.00**
 - DC - **\$16.10**
 - MD - **\$13.25**
 - TX - **\$7.25**
 - WA - **\$15.74**
(includes tipped jobs)



Finding Work Now

- Legal Industry
 - Immigration Law Offices
 - Refugee & Human Rights Non-Profit Agencies
 - Interpreting/Translation
 - Persian Document Review
 - Law School Administrative Positions
 - Refugee/immigrant case manager



Finding Work Now

- **Types of Jobs**
 - Service Industry
 - Coffee Shops
 - Restaurants, Cafes, Grocery Stores, Pharmacies
 - Clothing Stores
 - Office Supply Stores, Target, Walmart, Home Depot
 - Hotels



Finding Work Now

– Education

- High School, Middle School, Elementary School Substitute Teaching
- Schools with high Persian populations – counselors, interpreters, administration
- Universities, Colleges, Community Colleges – teach Dari/Pashto
- U.S. State Dept. – Dari/Pashto Language Teacher
- U.S. Dept. of Agriculture – Dari Pashto Language Teacher



Finding Work Now

– Medical Field

- Admin/Receptionist in Doctors' Offices
- Admin/Receptionist at Hospitals
- Care Giver
- Medical Interpreter
- Nursing
- Medical Technology



Finding Work Now

– Work From Home

- Teach Dari/Pashto online
- Virtual Administrative Assistant
- Assist with Afghan asylum cases – provide assistance with interpreting, legal and historical context for cases
- Graphic Design, Websites



Finding Work Now

Exercise 1:

Write Down 3 Categories of Jobs You Might Be Interested in Pursuing Now.

Exercise 2:

Brainstorm by Writing Down 20+ Jobs that you Might Be Interested in Pursuing Now.



Strong Sense of Self

- You are strong.
- You have support.
- You have skills.
- Right-now job isn't your long-term job.
- Stay focused on moving forward and next steps.
- Care for yourself.
- Ask for help.