

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 05A-UI-07043-SWT
OC: 02/20/05 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (1)

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.**

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STATE CLEARLY

1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated June 28, 2005, reference 03, that concluded she was overpaid \$4,528.00. A telephone hearing was held on July 11, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence at the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of February 20, 2005. The claimant filed for and received a total of \$4,528.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between February 20 and June 18, 2005.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 05A-UI-07042-SWT.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

Iowa Code section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed, the claimant was overpaid \$4,528.00 in unemployment insurance benefits. While there is no evidence that the claimant was at fault in receiving the overpayment, the law requires repayment of overpayments even when the claimant was not at fault.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated June 28, 2005, reference 03, is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$4,528.00 in unemployment insurance benefits, which must be repaid.

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