## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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| RICHARD MANROSS<br>Claimant              | APPEAL NO: 15A-UI-01128-DWT             |
|  | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE<br>DECISION    |
| IOWA WORKFORCE<br>DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT |   |
|  | OC: 09/21/14<br>Claimant: Appellant (1) |

Iowa Code § 96.4(4) - Second Benefit Year \$250 Wage Requirement

## PROCEDURAL STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed a representative's October 3, 2014 determination (reference 03) that held he was not eligible to receive regular unemployment insurance benefits in a subsequent benefit year or as of September 21, 2014, because he had not earned \$250 in wages since September 22, 2013. The claimant participated at the February 26 hearing. Based on the evidence, the claimant's arguments, and the law, the administrative law judge affirms the representative's determination.

#### **ISSUE:**

Has the claimant satisfied the \$250 wage requirement to receive benefits in a second benefit year?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for benefits during the week of September 22, 2013. He has filed claims for weekly benefits and received benefits since September 22, 2013. After the claimant's first benefit year ended on September 20, 2014, the Department concluded he was monetarily eligible to establish a subsequent benefit year. The claimant did not, however, earn any wages between September 22, 2013 and September 21, 2014. He has not earned any wages between September 21, 2014, and February 26, 2015. Instead, the claimant focused on his classes while he went to school.

#### **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

If a claimant has drawn benefits in any benefit year, the claimant must, during or subsequent to that year, work in and be paid wages for insured work totaling at least \$250, as a condition to receive benefits in the next benefit year. Iowa Code § 96.4(4). The facts establish the claimant did not earn \$250 in wages from an insured employer between September 22, 2013, and the

date of hearing, February 26, 2015. The claimant has not satisfied the \$250 wage requirement to receive benefits in a subsequent or second benefit year. This means the claimant is not eligible to receive regular unemployment insurance benefits until he earns \$250 in wages from an insured employer.

Since the claimant can earn \$250 at any time during his second benefit year, the timeliness of appeal issue is moot in this case.

# **DECISION:**

The representative's October 3, 2014 determination (reference 03) is affirmed. Even though the claimant is monetarily eligible to receive benefits in a second benefit year, he is not eligible to receive benefits until he earns \$250 in wages from an insured employer.

Debra L. Wise Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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