

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

**KRISTINA M DONALDSON**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 11A-UI-16115-DT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**FOCADO INC / THE FAMILY TABLE**  
Employer

**OC: 06/12/11**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Kristina M. Donaldson (claimant) appealed a representative's December 14, 2011 decision (reference 02) that concluded she had been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on January 17, 2012. The claimant participated in the hearing. This appeal was consolidated for hearing with one related appeal, 11A-UI-16114-DT. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision affirming the representative's decision that the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

**ISSUE:**

Was the claimant overpaid unemployment insurance benefits of \$768.00?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

A representative issued a decision dated July 15, 2011 (reference 01) that concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits in conjunction with her employment with Focado, Inc. / The Family Table (employer). The overpayment decision was issued in this case as a result of that disqualification decision. As determined in the concurrently issued decision in appeal 11A-UI-16114-DT, that disqualification decision has now been affirmed.

The claimant established a second claim year for unemployment insurance benefits effective June 12, 2011. The claimant has received unemployment insurance benefits in that second claim year in the amount of \$768.00.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

An underlying disqualification can result in an overpayment of unemployment insurance benefits.

The unemployment insurance law provides that benefits must be recovered from a claimant who receives benefits and is later determined to be ineligible for benefits, even though the claimant

acted in good faith and was not otherwise at fault. Iowa Code § 96.3-7. In this case, because the decision causing the disqualification has now been affirmed, the claimant has received benefits but was ineligible for those benefits.

Even though those benefits were received in good faith, the overpaid benefits must be recovered in accordance with the provisions of Iowa law. The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$768.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3-7.

**DECISION:**

The representative's December 14, 2011 decision (reference 02) is affirmed. The claimant is overpaid benefits of \$768.00.

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Lynette A. F. Donner  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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