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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-01331-DT  
OC: 12/25/05 R: 01  
Claimant: Appellant (2)

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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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)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Jerry L. Lehman (claimant) appealed a representative's January 27, 2006 decision (reference 04) that concluded he 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 February 21, 2006. This appeal was consolidated for hearing with one related appeal, 06A-UI-01330-DT. The claimant participated in the hearing. 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 reversing the representative's decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A representative issued a decision dated January 26, 2006 (reference 02) that concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits after September 9, 2005 due to an asserted refusal of a suitable offer of work. The claimant timely appealed that decision and in the concurrently issued decision in appeal 06A-UI-01330-DT, that decision has been modified to remove that disqualification.

The overpayment decision was issued in this case as a result of the January 26, 2006 (reference 02) disqualification decision.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$5,946.00.

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.

If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is not overpaid benefits due to the disqualification decision issued on January 26, 2006 (reference 02), which has now been modified to remove that disqualification.

DECISION:

The representative's January 27, 2006 decision (reference 04) is reversed. The claimant is not overpaid benefits.

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