

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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Appeal Number: 06A-UI-04941-HT  
OC: 04/02/06 R: 01  
Claimant: Respondent (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, 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.
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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 96.5(1)j – Quit/Temporary

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer, Manpower, filed an appeal from a decision dated May 2, 2006, reference 02. The decision allowed benefits to the claimant, Nicole Barker. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on May 23, 2006. The claimant did not provide a telephone number where she could be contacted and did not participate. The employer participated by Staffing Specialist Todd Ashenfelter.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Nicole Barker was employed with Manpower from February 26 until March 31, 2006. She was assigned to Romech during that time. She was

advised before accepting the assignment the company would be closing at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Romech advised Manpower in mid-March the closing date would be March 31, 2006, and the claimant was advised personally around that time. On March 31, 2006, she contacted Staffing Specialist Todd Ashenfelter and told him the assignment was over and that she was available for more work. She has not contacted Manpower since that time.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant is disqualified. The judge concludes she is not.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1-j provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department, But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

j. The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

For the purposes of this paragraph:

(1) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their work force during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.

(2) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

The claimant did contact Manpower the same day her last assignment ended and indicated she was available for other work. The employer's objection appears to be that she did not keep in contact after that date according to Manpower's policies. However, the above Code section

only requires contact within three working days of the end of the assignment in order to be qualified for benefits. As she has met that requirement, disqualification may not be imposed.

DECISION:

The representative's decision of May 2, 2006, reference 02, is affirmed. Nicole Barker is qualified for benefits, provided she is otherwise eligible.

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