

**IN THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

DIANA KRIENER
Claimant

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

APPEAL 23A-UI-11906-DB-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

OC: 04/05/20
Claimant: Appellant (6)

PL 116-136 Sec 2102 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act
Iowa Code Ch. 96 – Iowa Employment Security Act
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1) – Withdrawals, dismissals and postponements

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant/appellant filed an appeal regarding her Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits on December 16, 2023. When the appeal was being docketed into the system, it was erroneously assigned this appeal number of 23A-UI-11906 instead of a docket number under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program. This has now been corrected and the appeal has been properly docketed as Appeal No. 23A-DUA-00009. That matter will be scheduled for hearing.

ISSUE:

Should the appeal be dismissed due to division error?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant/appellant filed an appeal regarding her Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits on December 16, 2023. When the appeal was being docketed into the system, it was erroneously assigned this appeal number of 23A-UI-11906 instead of a docket number under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program. This has now been corrected and the appeal has been properly docketed as Appeal No. 23A-DUA-00009. That matter will be scheduled for hearing. As such, this case docketed as Appeal No. 23A-UI-11906-DB-T should be dismissed as set up in error.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

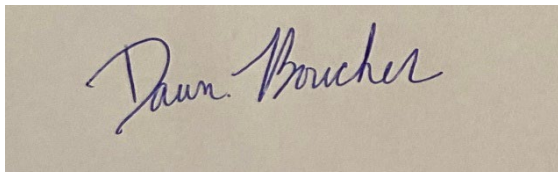
For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes as follows:

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot.¹ “A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent.”²

The appeal in this case is moot as it was improperly docketed under the wrong case number. The correct case number of 23A-DUA-00009 is now entered into the system and a hearing will be scheduled.

DECISION:

The appeal in this case is dismissed as moot because this docket number was erroneously assigned to this appeal. A hearing in the correct Appeal case of 23A-DUA-0009 will be scheduled and notice for hearing will be mailed to the parties.



Dawn Boucher
Administrative Law Judge

December 28, 2023
Decision Dated and Mailed

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¹ *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005).

² *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983).

APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

**Employment Appeal Board
6200 Park Avenue Suite 100
Des Moines, IA 50321
Fax: (515)281-7191
Online: eab.iowa.gov**

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday. *There is no filing fee to file an appeal with the Employment Appeal Board.*

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL 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.

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If you do not file an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/efile. *There may be a filing fee to file the petition in District Court.*

Note to Parties: YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds.

Note to Claimant: It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

**Employment Appeal Board
6200 Park Avenue Suite 100
Des Moines, IA 50321
Fax: (515)281-7191
En línea: eab.iowa.gov**

El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal. *No hay tarifa de presentación para presentar una apelación ante la Junta de Apelación de Empleo.*

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

- 1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.
- 2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.
- 3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.
- 4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si no presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelación de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en una acción final de la agencia y tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en www.iowacourts.gov/efile. *Puede haber una tarifa de presentación para presentar la petición en el Tribunal de Distrito.*

Nota para las partes: USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

Nota para el reclamante: es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.