

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

JAMES F BLAZEK
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 09A-UI-01339-MT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 01/11/09 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available/Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from a January 27, 2009, reference 02, decision that found the claimant ineligible for benefits for the week ending January 24, 2009, because of inadequate in-person work search contacts. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on February 16, 2009, with the claimant participating. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant made adequate work searches.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's testimony that appropriate in-person work searches were made is credible. During the second week in which claimant filed a telephone claim, claimant pushed a button in error resulting in incorrect telephone response data. Claimant had made two in-person job contacts and was instructed to go and put in the application online. Claimant thought that the follow up with online applications negated the in-person contact.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made appropriate in-person work search contacts.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as

defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that appropriate in-person work search contacts were made for the week ending January 24, 2009. Accordingly, the warning is removed.

DECISION:

The January 27, 2009 reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant did make appropriate in-person work search contacts for the week ending January 24, 2009. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The warning is removed.

Marlon Mormann
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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