

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

**MATTHEW J JEFFERS**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 14A-UI-02290-DWT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 10/06/13  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

871 IAC 24.2(1)h - Backdate

**PROCEDURAL STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a representative's February 26, 2014 determination (reference 06) that denied his request to backdate an additional claim prior to January 19, 2014. The claimant participated at the March 26 hearing. Based on the evidence, the claimant's arguments, and the law, the administrative law judge grants the claimant's request to backdate his claim to January 12, 2014.

**ISSUE:**

Should the claimant's request to backdate his claim to January 12, 2014, be granted or denied?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The claimant established a claim for benefits during the week of October 6, 2013. The claimant attends an apprenticeship program. Weeks that he attends classes, he goes on-line on the school's computer and files an additional claim on Monday. The following Sunday, he then calls in a weekly claim for the week he went to school instead of working.

On January 13, 2014, the claimant went on-line and filed an additional claim for benefits. (He had not filed a weekly claim since November 2013.) He received confirmation that his additional claim had been correctly submitted. The claimant called in a weekly claim for benefits on Sunday, January 19, 2014, for the week ending January 18, 2014.

When funds were not deposited into his checking account, the claimant asked the training manager for advice. She advised him to resubmit his claim, which he did.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

When filing for benefits, the effective date is Sunday of the current calendar week in which the claim is filed. A claim may be backdated if a claimant establishes sufficient grounds to excuse the delay in filing a claim for benefits. Reasons for filing a late claim include receiving incorrect advice from a Workforce employee and if an employer intimidated a claimant to prevent the prompt filing of a claim. 871 IAC 24.2(h). The claimant established that he timely filed an

additional claim on January 13, 2014. As a result, the claimant's additional claim is backdated and the effective date of this claim is January 12, not January 19, 2014.

**DECISION:**

The representative's February 26, 2014 determination (reference 06) is reversed. The claimant's request to backdate his claim is granted. The effective date of the claimant's additional claim is January 12, not January 19, 2014.

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Debra L. Wise  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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