

**BEFORE THE  
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD  
Lucas State Office Building  
Fourth floor  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

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**CHASE T PETERSEN**

Claimant

and

**D C TAYLOR CO**

Employer

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**HEARING NUMBER: 16B-UI-09758**

**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD  
DECISION**

**SECTION:** 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

**D E C I S I O N**

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed September 9, 2016. The notice set a hearing for September 23, 2016. The Claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the Claimant did not appear is because the Claimant had an address change, which he noted in his appeal. The notice was sent to the wrong address and he consequently did not receive it. The Claimant did not know the hearing was taking place.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2015) provides:

4. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of a administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Here the Claimant did not participate in the hearing through no fault of the Claimant. The Claimant did not participate because he had a change of address, and the notice was sent to the incorrect address. Because he did not receive the Notice of Hearing, he did not know that a hearing was taking place. For this reason, the matter will be remanded for another hearing before an administrative law judge.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the administrative law judge dated September 28, 2016 is not vacated and remains in force unless and until the Department makes a differing determination pursuant to this remand. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Workforce Development Center, Appeals Section. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

The Employment Appeal Board acknowledges the Claimant's difficulty having a phone available for use in a hearing. To avoid that difficulty, the Claimant may request an in-person hearing so as to eliminate the need for a personal phone; or the Claimant may go to his local Workforce office and make arrangements to use a phone for the hearing. Please be advised that should the Claimant use a Workforce phone, he must call in that number in accordance with the Notice of Hearing instructions in order to participate in the hearing.

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