IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

JORGE J LANDA Claimant	APPEAL 21A-UI-01903-LJ-T
	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	
	OC: 03/08/20 Claimant: Appellant (1R)

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On December 17, 2020, the claimant appealed the December 15, 2020, (reference 03) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$4,880.00 for the sixteen-week period ending June 27, 2020, as a result of a disqualification decision. After due and proper notice was issued, a telephonic hearing was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021. This appeal was heard along with 21A-UI-01902-LJ-T. The claimant, Jorge J. Landa, participated. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has now been affirmed. (See 21A-UI-01902-LJ-T) Claimant did receive benefits in the gross amount of \$4,880.00. Claimant testified he also received \$600.00 per week in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation each week. A decision has not yet been issued on whether claimant has been overpaid FPUC.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge concludes claimant has been overpaid benefits for the period in question.

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) (a) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$4,880.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has been affirmed.

DECISION:

The December 15, 2020, (reference 03) decision is affirmed. The claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$4,880.00 to which he was not entitled and those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

REMAND:

The issue of whether claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits is remanded to the Benefits Bureau of Iowa Workforce Development for initial investigation and determination.

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March 5, 2021 Decision Dated and Mailed

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