

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

KOKOU M YOVONOU
Claimant

APPEAL 16A-UI-05430-SC

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 10/25/15
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Kokou M. Yovonou (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated May 9, 2016 (reference 05) that concluded he was overpaid \$7,496.00 in unemployment insurance benefits. A hearing was held in Davenport, Iowa at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2016. Proper notice of the hearing was given to the claimant. The claimant participated personally and through Interpreter Craig Roalson. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision are entered.

ISSUE:

Has the claimant been overpaid benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of October 25, 2015 and an additional date of December 6, 2015. The claimant filed for and received a total of \$7,496.00 in unemployment insurance benefits for the 18 weeks between December 6, 2015 and April 9, 2016.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 16A-UI-05265-SC.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

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.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed the claimant was overpaid \$7,496.00 in unemployment insurance benefits.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated May 9, 2016 (reference 05) is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$7,496.00 in unemployment insurance benefits, which must be repaid.

Stephanie R. Callahan
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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