

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

**KELLIE M MOEN**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 11A-UI-07193-S2T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Employer

**OC: 01/31/10**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a representative's decision dated May 25, 2011, reference 03, that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on June 28, 2011. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Sandi Pieper, Coordinator of Human Resources.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant's wages were reported correctly and whether the claimant is overpaid unemployment insurance benefits

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony of the witness and having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: For the week ending October 2, 2010, the claimant earned \$343.00. For the week ending October 23, 2010, the claimant earned \$353.00. For the week ending November 6, 2010, the claimant earned \$304.00. For the week ending November 13, 2010, the claimant earned \$226.00. For the week ending November 20, 2010, the claimant earned \$312.00. For the week ending December 18, 2010, the claimant earned \$156.00. The claimant and the employer agreed to the above mentioned earnings.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

Iowa Code § 96.3-7, as amended in 2008, provides:

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) 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. However, provided the benefits were not received as the result of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the individual, benefits shall not be recovered from an individual if the employer did not participate in the initial determination to award benefits pursuant to section 96.6, subsection 2, and an overpayment occurred because of a subsequent reversal on appeal regarding the issue of the individual's separation from employment. The employer shall not be charged with the benefits.

(2) An accounting firm, agent, unemployment insurance accounting firm, or other entity that represents an employer in unemployment claim matters and demonstrates a continuous pattern of failing to participate in the initial determinations to award benefits, as determined and defined by rule by the department, shall be denied permission by the department to represent any employers in unemployment insurance matters. This subparagraph does not apply to attorneys or counselors admitted to practice in the courts of this state pursuant to section 602.10101.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3-7 based on the earnings agreed to by the parties.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated May 25, 2011, reference 03, is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

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Beth A. Scheetz  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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