

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**Appeal Number: 05A-UI-11290-BT
OC: 10/09/05 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (4/R)**

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit
871 IAC 24.27 - Voluntary Quit of Part-Time Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Deanna Watson (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated October 27, 2005, reference 01, which held that she was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because she voluntarily quit her employment with The CBE Group, Inc. (employer) without good cause attributable to the employer. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on November 17, 2005. The claimant participated in the hearing. The employer participated through Mary Phillips, Senior Vice-President of Human Resources, and Scott Swonger, Manager of Operations.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was employed as a part-time collections representative from June 6, 2005 through June 28, 2005. She was absent due to illness beginning June 21, 2005 and she provided a physician's excuse taking her off work from June 21 through June 25. The claimant was a no-call/no-show on June 27 and June 28. The employer considered the claimant to have voluntarily quit as of June 28, 2005 when she failed to return to work.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the reasons for the claimant's separation from employment qualify her to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

871 IAC 24.27 provides:

Voluntary quit of part-time employment and requalification. An individual who voluntarily quits without good cause part-time employment and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of part-time employment, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits based on wages paid by the regular or other base period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. The individual and the part-time employer which was voluntarily quit shall be notified on the Form 65-5323 or 60-0186, Unemployment Insurance Decision, that benefit payments shall not be made which are based on the wages paid by the part-time employer and benefit charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account; however, once the individual has met the requalification requirements following the voluntary quit without good cause of the part-time employer, the wages paid in the part-time employment shall be available for benefit payment purposes. For benefit charging purposes and as determined by the applicable requalification requirements, the wages paid by the part-time employer shall be transferred to the balancing account.

The claimant quit her employment by failing to call or report to work for two days after she had been medically released. She has the burden of proving that the voluntary quit was for a good reason that would not disqualify her. Iowa Code section 96.6-2. The claimant has not met that burden.

However, an individual who quits part-time employment without good cause, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible based on wages paid by other base-period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. Benefit payments shall not be based on wages paid by the part-time employer and charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account. Once the individual has met the requalification requirements, the wages paid from the part-time employment can be used for benefit payment purposes. 871 IAC 24.27.

Based on this regulation, this matter is remanded to the Claims Section to determine whether the claimant is monetarily eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits when the wage credits the claimant earned while working for the employer are not used in determining the claimant's monetary eligibility or her maximum weekly benefit amount.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated October 27, 2005, reference 01, is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily quit her part-time employment for disqualifying reasons. Therefore, the employer's account will not be charged. This matter is remanded to the Claims Section to determine whether the claimant is monetarily eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits and to determine what her maximum weekly benefit amount is when the wage credits the claimant earned from the employer are not taken into consideration to determine these two issues.

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