

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

JOE W RUSH
Claimant

JENSEN TRANSPORT INC
Employer

APPEAL 15A-UI-13398-JCT
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

OC: 12/28/14
Claimant: Appellant (4)

Iowa Code § 96.5(1) – Voluntary Quitting
Iowa Code § 96.5(1)a – Voluntary Quitting – Other Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the November 30, 2015, (reference 03) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits based upon separation. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on December 22, 2015. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated through Tim Jensen, Director. Jerry Jensen was an observer for the employer. Claimant Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant voluntarily quit the employment to accept other employment?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant was employed full time as an over-the-road truck driver and was separated from employment on October 29, 2015, when he resigned. Continuing work was available.

The claimant left employment with this employer, because he accepted employment as a local driver for Hogan Transportation. The claimant performed work for the employer on November 1 and 2, 2015 before separation occurred (Claimant Exhibit A).

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left the employment to accept employment elsewhere.

Iowa Code § 96.5(1)a 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. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

a. The individual left employment in good faith for the sole purpose of accepting other or better employment, which the individual did accept, and the individual performed services in the new employment. Benefits relating to wage credits earned with the employer that the individual has left shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding § 96.8, subsection 5.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.28(5) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(5) The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment. The employment does not have to be covered employment and does not include self-employment.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-23.43(5) provides:

(5) Sole purpose. The claimant shall be eligible for benefits even though the claimant voluntarily quit if the claimant left for the sole purpose of accepting an offer of other or better employment, which the claimant did accept, and from which the claimant is separated, before or after having started the new employment. No charge shall accrue to the account of the former voluntarily quit employer.

Even though the separation was without good cause attributable to the employer and would, standing alone, disqualify the claimant from receiving benefits, the claimant did leave in order to accept other employment, and did perform services for the subsequent employer and has since separated. Accordingly, benefits are allowed and the account of this employer shall not be charged.

DECISION:

The November 30, 2015, (reference 03) decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left the employment in order to accept other employment. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of the employer (account number: 035198-000) shall not be charged.

Jennifer L. Coe
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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