

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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ANITA M WRIGHT
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 12A-UI-13758-L

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 02/06/11
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed the November 13, 2012 (reference 04), decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,227.00 for the six-week period ending March 19, 2011 as a result of a disqualification decision. A hearing was held on January 29, 2013 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa pursuant to due notice. The claimant participated with her spouse, Douglas Wright.

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 become final. Claimant did receive benefits in the gross amount of \$1,227.00.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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

Iowa Code section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. 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.

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 understands the claimant's frustration about the 20-month delay between the substantive decision and the claims level overpayment decision, but must conclude that the claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,227.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has become final.

DECISION:

The November 13, 2012 (reference 04) decision is affirmed. The claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$1,227.00 to which she was not entitled and those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

Dévon M. Lewis
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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