

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**PATRICK N PIEPER**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 13A-UI-04253-ST**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/03/13  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

871 IAC 24.2(1)g – Retroactive Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a department decision dated April 1, 2013, reference 01, that denied his request for retroactive benefits for a seven-week period ending March 23, 2013. A telephone hearing was held on April 26, 2013. The claimant participated.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant had a reasonable ground to justify or excuse the delay in the filing of his claim(s) for retroactive benefits.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge having heard the claimant's testimony and having considered the evidence in the record, finds: The claimant filed an unemployment claim effective April 1, 2013. It had been some ten years since claimant had filed for UI benefits, so the online experience was new to him.

He did not receive any department information about the filing of weekly UI claims and he waited expectedly for it. After a period of receiving no information he sought a department representative about this matter and learned the weekly claims procedure. He made appropriate job searches and is seeking full-time employment.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

871 IAC 24.2(1)g provides:

g. No continued claim for benefits shall be allowed until the individual claiming benefits has furnished to the department a signed Form 60-0151, Claim for Benefits, or filed a voice response continued claim. The biweekly claim for benefit payment shall be mailed not earlier than noon of the second Saturday of the biweekly reporting period and, unless reasonable cause can be shown for the delay, not later than Friday of the week immediately following the biweekly reporting period. The weekly voice response continued claim shall be transmitted not earlier than noon of the Saturday of the weekly

reporting period and, unless reasonable cause can be shown for the delay, not later than close of business on the Friday following the weekly reporting period.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant established a justifiable cause for the delay in filing his UI claims for the 7-week period ending March 23, 2013, and his request for retroactive benefits for the period is approved.

**DECISION:**

The department decision dated April 1, 2013 reference 01 is reversed. The claimant is eligible for retroactive benefits for the 7-week period ending March 23, 2013. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Randy L. Stephenson  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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