

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Appeal Number: 05A-UI-12048-DT
OC: 10/23/05 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Melissa L. Jones (claimant) appealed a representative's November 23, 2005 decision (reference 06) that concluded she had been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits. A hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record for a telephone hearing to be held on December 13, 2005, in conjunction with one related appeal, 05A-UI-12047-DT, scheduled for hearing at 10:30 a.m. The claimant failed to respond to the hearing notice and provide a telephone number at which she could be reached for the hearing and did not participate in the hearing. Based on a review of the information in the administrative file and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A representative issued a decision dated November 21, 2005 (reference 03) that concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits after a separation from employment from FBG Service Corporation (employer). The claimant timely appealed that decision and in the concurrently issued decision in appeal 05A-UI-12047-DT, that decision has been reversed.

The overpayment decision was issued in this case as a result of the November 21, 2005 (reference 03) disqualification decision.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$376.00.

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 concludes that the claimant is not overpaid benefits due to the disqualification decision issued on November 21, 2005 (reference 03), which has now been reversed.

DECISION:

The representative's November 23, 2005 decision (reference 06) is reversed. The claimant is not overpaid benefits.

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