

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

**ROBERT OBRIEN**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 22A-UI-06125-ED-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 8/25/19  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On March 4, 2022, the claimant, Robert Obrien, appealed the February 25, 2022, (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$2,886.00 for the six-week period ending August 22, 2020. A telephone hearing was held on April 20, 2022. The claimant, Robert Obrien, participated. No exhibits were offered or admitted. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

**ISSUE:**

Is the claimant overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received regular unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$6,734.00 for the 14-week period ending July 11, 2020. On November 9, 2020, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that disqualified claimant from receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See *22A-UI-06117-ED-T*.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

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

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. 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

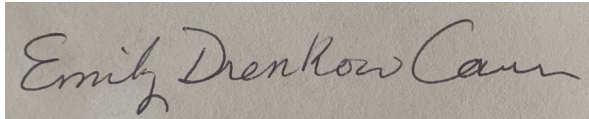
not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) (a) 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 has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$6,734.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has been affirmed.

**DECISION:**

The February 25, 2022, (reference 05) decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$2,886.00, which must be repaid.



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Emily Drenkow Carr  
Administrative Law Judge

April 29, 2022  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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**NOTE TO CLAIMANT:** This decision determines you are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision.

Individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits and were unemployed between February 2, 2020, and June 12, 2021 for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). **You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility under the program.** To apply for PUA go to <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-appeals> and click the link in the last paragraph under "WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE HEARING." **The authorization number is 1 , the pin number you used for the hearing.**