

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

NICK G HANTZEAS
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-17572-AW-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/22/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the August 6, 2020 (reference 06) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Claimant was properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on October 4, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Claimant participated with his attorney Curtis Dial. Claimant's Exhibits A through C were admitted. Official notice was taken of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant is overpaid UI benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received UI benefits in the gross amount of \$7,558.00 for 20 weeks between March 22, 2020 and September 12, 2020.

On March 17, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 03) that denied claimant UI benefits. That decision has been affirmed (see appeal 21A-UI-07947-S1-T and 21B-UI-07947). The decision remains in effect.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes:

Iowa Code section 96.3(7) states:

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.

The decision that denied claimant UI benefits remains in effect. Therefore, claimant has received UI benefits to which claimant was not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid UI benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

DECISION:

The August 6, 2021 (reference 06) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid UI benefits in the amount of \$7,558.00, which must be repaid.



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