

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**STEPHANIE A RODRUCK**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 20A-UI-12411-AD-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/29/20  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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PL 110-252, Sec 4001 – Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act  
Iowa Code 96.29 – Extended Benefits  
20 CFR 615 – Extended Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On October 8, 2020, Stephanie Rodruck (claimant/appellant) filed an appeal from the decision dated October 2, 2020 (reference 01) that denied emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) based on a finding that claimant's total wages were not at least 1.5 times the wages in the high quarter.

A telephone hearing was held on December 7, 2020. The parties were properly notified of the hearing. The claimant participated personally.

Claimant's Exhibit 1 was admitted. Official notice was taken of the administrative record.

**ISSUE:**

Does the claimant have sufficient wages to qualify for EUC benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of March 29, 2020. The claimant's base period is from the fourth quarter of 2018 through the third quarter of 2019. The wages in the base period included the following:

	2018/4	2019/1	2019/2	2019/3
DEFAUW CORPORATION.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1500.00

The claimant exhausted all the regular unemployment insurance benefits funded by the State of Iowa available on the claim during the week ending September 19, 2020. The claim for extended benefits was denied because the total wages in the base period (\$1,500.00) were not at least 1.5 times the high quarter wages (\$1,500.00).

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the decision dated October 2 (reference 01) that denied emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) based on a finding that claimant's total wages were not at least 1.5 times the wages in the high quarter is AFFIRMED.

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program was created by Public Law 110-252, Title VI. This temporary unemployment insurance program provides up to 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits to certain workers who have exhausted their rights to regular unemployment compensation benefits. PL Section 4001(d)(2)(A) states that persons shall not be eligible for Extended Benefits unless they have "20 weeks of full-time insured employment or the equivalent in insured wages" in their base period. as determined by the state law implementing the Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.

The Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 allowed states to choose one of three methods for determining an "equivalent of 20 weeks of full-time insured employment." The method Iowa chose is in Iowa Code § 96.29-1-c, which requires claimants have total base period wages of at least 1.5 times the wages paid during the quarter of the base period in which their wages were highest. The claimant is not ineligible for Extended Benefits because the total wages in the base period were not at least 1.5 times the high quarter wages.

**DECISION:**

The decision dated October 2, 2020 (reference 01) that denied emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) based on a finding that claimant's total wages were not at least 1.5 times the wages in the high quarter is AFFIRMED.



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December 15, 2020  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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**Note to Claimant:**

If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal with the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision. If this decision denies benefits, you may be responsible for paying back benefits already received.

Individuals who are disqualified from or are otherwise ineligible for **regular** unemployment insurance benefits but who are unemployed for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). **You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility.** Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information>.