

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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ABDULLAHI HIRET
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 08A-UI-05260-BT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 04/27/08 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available for Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Abdullahi Hiret (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated May 29, 2008, reference 01, which held that he was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because he is not able to perform work due to an injury. After a hearing notice was mailed to the party's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on June 17, 2008. The claimant participated in the hearing. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the party and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is able and available to work?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was diagnosed with a contagious illness in December 2007. He is currently not able to leave his home due to this illness.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue to be determined is whether the claimant is able and available for work. In order for an individual to be eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits, the evidence in the record must establish that he is able to work, available for work, and earnestly and actively seeking work. See Iowa Code section 96.4(3) and 871 IAC 24.22. An individual must be physically and mentally able to work in some gainful employment, not necessarily in the individual's customary occupation, but that which is engaged in by others as a means of livelihood. 871 IAC 24.22(1).

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

871 IAC 24.23(1) provides:

Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(1) An individual who is ill and presently not able to perform work due to illness.

The claimant has the burden of proof in establishing his ability and availability for work. Davoren v. Iowa Employment Security Commission, 277 N.W.2d 602 (Iowa 1979). He is currently restricted from leaving his home due to a contagious illness. The claimant does not meet the availability requirements of the law and benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated May 29, 2008, reference 01, is affirmed. He is not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

Susan D. Ackerman
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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