

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

MICHELE L GRAHAM
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 06A-UI-10710-NT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 09/24/06 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed the October 31, 2006, reference 03, decision that concluded that the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$981.00 as a result of a disqualification decision. A telephone hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Terence Nice on November 20, 2006, pursuant to due notice. The claimant participated.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all the evidence in the record the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that now has been reversed.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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 has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$981.00, pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.3-7 as a disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has now been reversed.

DECISION:

The October 31, 2006, reference 03, decision is reversed. The claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$981.00.

Terence P. Nice
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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