

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**KOFFI DOSSOU**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 15A-UI-01812-H2T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 11/30/14  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available  
871 IAC 24.2(1)e – Failure to Report

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the February 6, 2015, reference 04, decision that denied benefits because of a failure to report as directed. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on March 11, 2015. Claimant participated.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether failed to report to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) as directed.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having heard the testimony and having examined the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: On January 12, 2015 the claimant was mailed a letter telling him that he had not registered for work as required. The claimant was told in the letter that if he did not register for work by February 4, 2015 his unemployment insurance benefits would stop. The claimant has not yet registered for work. He did receive the letter telling him to register for work by February 4, 2015.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has not established a good cause reason for having failed to report as directed.

Iowa Code § 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".

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(11) provides:

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

(11) Failure to report as directed to workforce development in response to the notice which was mailed to the claimant will result in the claimant being deemed not to meet the availability requirements.

The claimant is required to register for work. He has not done so. He was given ample time by the agency to comply with the directive that all unemployment recipients must be registered for work. Hence the claimant did fail to report as directed and he is ineligible until he registers with the agency for work.

**DECISION:**

The February 6, 2015, reference 04, decision is affirmed. The claimant has not established a good cause reason for failing to report as directed. Benefits are denied effective February 1, 2015 until the claimant registers for work.

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Teresa K. Hillary  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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