

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

THOMAS W HOOPER
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-01830-S1-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 01/26/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL 116-136 Section 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed a representative's decision dated December 16, 2020, reference 09, that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation as a result of a disqualification decision. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on February 24, 2021. The claimant participated personally.

The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative file. 20A-UI-01825.S1, 20A-UI-01826.S1, 20A-UI-01827.S1, 20A-UI-01828.S1, 20A-UI-01829.S1, and 20A-UI-01830.S1 were heard at the same time.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony of the witness and having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of January 26, 2020. His weekly benefit amount was determined to be \$481.00. The claimant received benefits of \$481.00 for the week ending April 11, 2020, and \$4,810.00 from April 12, 2020, 2020, to the week ending June 20, 2020. He also received \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation for the week ending April 11, 2020, and \$6,000.00 for the ten weeks ending June 20, 2020.

The representative's decision dated July 24, 2020, 2020, reference 05, concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits for the ten weeks ending June 20, 2020. The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has now been affirmed.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

PL116-136, Sec. 2104 provides, in pertinent part:

(b) Provisions of Agreement

(1) Federal pandemic unemployment compensation.--Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of regular compensation to individuals in amounts and to the extent that they would be determined if the State law of the State were applied, with respect to any week for which the individual is (disregarding this section) otherwise entitled under the State law to receive regular compensation, as if such State law had been modified in a manner such that the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable for any week shall be equal to

(A) the amount determined under the State law (before the application of this paragraph), plus

(B) an additional amount of \$600 (in this section referred to as "Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation").

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(f) Fraud and Overpayments

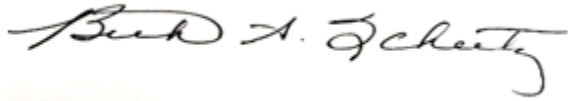
(2) Repayment.--In the case of individuals who have received amounts of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to the State agency...

The claimant was disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation pursuant to Public Law 116-136, Section 2104(F)2 and as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment has now been affirmed.

Note to Claimant: This decision determines you are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. If you disagree with this decision you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision. Individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits due to disqualifying separations, but who are currently 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 under the program.** Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information>.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated December 16, 2020, reference 09, is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth A. Scheetz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

March 5, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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