

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Appeal Number: 06A-UI-05784-H2T
OC: 05-07-06 R: 01
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 – Active Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated May 23, 2006, reference 03, which issued a warning to the claimant based upon a finding that the claimant had not performed an active work search for the week ending May 20, 2006. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on June 21, 2006. The claimant did participate.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having examined all matters of record, the administrative law judge finds: During the week ending May 20, 2006, the claimant contacted at least two prospective employers via the internet

as the employers requested no in-person job contacts from prospective employees. The claimant was willing to make in-person contacts, but the potential employer would not allow it.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether the warning should be removed from the claimant's record. For the reasons which follow, the administrative law judge concludes that it should.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 establishes the requirement that claimants must make an active work search each week that they request benefits. The Agency ordinarily interprets this provision as requiring a minimum of two in-person job contacts each week. The evidence in this record persuades the administrative law judge that the claimant conducted the requisite work search because the potential employers requested internet or online applications only, no in-person contact was allowed. Because the potential employers prohibited the in-person contact, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made an active and earnest search for work. The warning shall be removed.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated May 23, 2006, reference 03, is reversed. The warning is removed from the claimant's record.

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