

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION, UI APPEALS BUREAU**

SAMANTHA J HEADLEY
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 23A-UI-02137-JT-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 01/15/23
Claimant: Appellant (6)**

Iowa Code Section 96.4(3) – Able & Available
Iowa Code Section 96.6 – Aggrieved Party Requirement
Iowa Administrative Code Rule 871-26.8(1) – Dismissal of Appeal, No Aggrieved Party

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On February 28, 2023, Samantha Headley (claimant) filed a timely appeal from the February 24, 2023 (reference 03) decision that denied benefits effective February 19, 2023, based on the Iowa Workforce Development representative's conclusion the claimant failed to report as directed for a February 22, 2023 Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) meeting and therefore did not meet the availability requirements to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. An appeal hearing was set for March 16, 2023 and the parties were properly notified. Prior to the hearing date, Iowa Workforce Development Reemployment Services forwarded a reference 04 decision to the Appeals Bureau and requested that the claimant's appeal from the reference 03 decision be dismissed.

ISSUES:

Whether the claimant is aggrieved by the February 24, 2023 (reference 03) decision that denied benefits effective February 19, 2023.

Whether the claimant's appeal from the February 24, 2023 (reference 03) decision should be dismissed.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: On February 24, 2023, Iowa Workforce Development Reemployment Services entered a reference 03 decision that denied benefits effective February 19, 2023, based on the IWD representative's conclusion the claimant failed to report as directed for a February 22, 2023 Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) meeting and therefore did not meet the availability requirements to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. On February 28, 2023, the claimant filed a timely appeal from the February 24, 2023 (reference 03) decision. On March 3, 2023, Iowa Workforce Development entered a reference 04 decision that allowed benefits to the claimant effective February 19, 2023, provided the claimant was otherwise eligible, based on the IWD representative's conclusion the claimant had been disqualified for benefits due to a failure to report for Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA), but

had subsequently satisfied the RESEA requirement. The reference 04 decision effective reversed the reference 03 decision from which the claimant appeals in the present matter. On March 15, 2023, IWD Reemployment Services forwarded a copy of the reference 04 decision to the Appeals Bureau, along with a request that the appeal from the reference 03 decision be dismissed.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The appeal rights and procedures set forth at Iowa Code section 96.6 presuppose and require the existence of an aggrieved party.

Iowa Administrative Code rule 871-26.8(1) provides as follows: “An appeal may be dismissed upon the request of a party or in the agency’s discretion when the issue or issues on appeal have been resolved in the appellant’s favor.”

Because the reference 04 decision effectively reversed the reference 03 disqualification from which the claimant appeals in the present matter, the claimant is no longer aggrieved by the reference 03 decision and there is no further remedy available through the appeal process. Accordingly, the appeal from the reference 03 decision is dismissed.

DECISION:

Because the March 3, 2023 (reference 04) decision effectively reversed the February 24, 2023 (reference 03) decision from which the claimant appealed, the claimant is no longer aggrieved by the reference 03 decision. The claimant’s appeal from the reference 03 decision is DISMISSED. The March 3, 2023 (reference 04) decision that allowed benefits effective February 19, 2023, provided the claimant was otherwise eligible, based on the determination the claimant satisfied the RESEA reporting requirement remains in effect. The appeal hearing set for March 16, 2023 is cancelled.



James E. Timberland
Administrative Law Judge

March 15, 2023
Decision Dated and Mailed

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APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

**Employment Appeal Board
4th Floor – Lucas Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Fax: (515)281-7191
Online: eab.iowa.gov**

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL STATE CLEARLY:

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

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may then file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If no one files an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at Iowa Code §17A.19, which is online at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf>.

Note to Parties: YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds.

Note to Claimant: It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

**Employment Appeal Board
4th Floor – Lucas Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Fax: (515)281-7191
En línea: eab.iowa.gov**

El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal.

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

- 1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.
- 2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.
- 3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.
- 4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si nadie presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelaciones Laborales dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en acción final de la agencia y usted tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días después de que la decisión adquiriera firmeza. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en el Código de Iowa §17A.19, que está en línea en <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf>.

Nota para las partes: USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

Nota para el reclamante: es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.