

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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BRANT KARELS
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 14O-UI-00329-HT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

KASTIM CORPORATION
Employer

OC: 09/08/13
Claimant: Respondent (4)

Section 96.4(3) – Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer, Kastim Corporation (Kastim), filed an appeal from a decision dated October 1, 2013, reference 01. The decision allowed benefits to the claimant, Brant Karels.

A decision in appeal 13A-UI-11304-HT, was issued on November 1, 2013 finding the claimant eligible for benefits. The Employment Appeal Board sent the case back for the limited purpose of determining whether the claimant did adequate work searches during his period of layoff.

After due notice was issued a hearing was held on that issue on February 5, 2014.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant made a least two job contacts per week during his claim.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Brant Karels filed a claim for unemployment benefits with an effective date of September 8, 2013. He filed an additional claim for benefits effective December 8, 2013. The claimant has not filed a weekly claim at any point since initiating the claim. He had not made any work searches during that time, either.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 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".

The claimant did not make any work searches during the course of his employment. He is not overpaid as he did not file any weekly claims during that time, either.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated October 1, 2013, reference 01, is modified in favor of the appellant. Brant Karels is qualified for unemployment benefits.

He would not have been eligible for benefits during that time as he did not make any work searches for any week or file a weekly claim.

Bonny G. Hendricksmeier
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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