

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**ROGELIO GARCIA TORRES**  
Claimant

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**APPEAL 22A-UI-07586-JC-T  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 04/12/20  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment  
PL116-136, Sec. 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed an appeal from the March 25, 2022, (reference 04) unemployment insurance decision that concluded he was overpaid \$13,500.00 in FPUC benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on May 11, 2022. The hearing was held together with Appeals 22A-UI-07583-JC-T, 22A-UI-07585-JC-T, 22A-UI-07854-JC-T and 22A-UI-07855-JC-T. The claimant participated personally and through a Spanish interpreter from CTS Language Link. Daniela Torres, daughter of claimant, attended as an observer. Official notice of the administrative records was taken. Department Exhibit 1 was admitted.

**ISSUES:**

Has the claimant been overpaid any unemployment insurance benefits?  
Is the claimant overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of April 12, 2020.

The claimant filed for and received a total of \$13,468.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between April 12, 2020 and October 1, 2020. The claimant received federal unemployment insurance benefits through Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). Claimant received \$13,468.00 in federal benefits for the period of October 2, 2020 and April 10, 2021.

The claimant also received supplemental federal unemployment insurance benefits through Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). Claimant received \$13,500.00 in federal benefits for the period of April 12, 2020 and July 25, 2020, and December 27, 2020 and April 10 2021.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 22A-UI-07583-JC-T.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The next issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits.

Iowa Code section 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

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...

Here, the claimant is disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment

Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$13,500.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

Additionally, instructions for requesting a waiver of this overpayment can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery>. If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.

**DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 25, 2022, (reference 04), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$13,500.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).



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