# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

JULIE A KRAUSE
Claimant

**APPEAL 15A-UI-05578-EC-T** 

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 12/28/14

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed the May 13, 2015, (reference 03), unemployment insurance decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$620.00 for the two-week period beginning on April 5, 2015 and ending April 18, 2015, as a result of a disqualification decision. A telephone hearing was held on June 22, 2015, pursuant to due notice. The claimant participated.

## **ISSUE:**

Is the claimant overpaid benefits?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that was affirmed. The claimant was employed from April 1, 2015 until she voluntarily quit her employment on April 8, 2015. She filed a claim for benefits each week, but claimed only the dates she was not working each week. She was overpaid \$620.00 in unemployment insurance benefits during and after the short period she was employed, between the weeks of April 5, 2015 and April 18, 2015.

## **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The administrative law judge concludes claimant was overpaid benefits for the period in question.

Iowa Code § 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.
- b. (1) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5. . . .

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$620.00 pursuant to lowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision was affirmed. The governing rule requires that the overpaid benefits be recouped regardless of fault or good faith.

## **DECISION:**

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The May 13, 2015, (reference 03) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$620.00 to which she was not entitled and those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

Emily Gould Chafa	
Administrative Law Judge	
Decision Dated and Mailed	