

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**AARON BROWN**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 22A-UI-09429-S2-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/27/22  
Claimant: Appellant (6)**

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Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Available for work  
Iowa Code § 96.4(7) – Reemployment services  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.6 – Profiling for reemployment services  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e – Procedures for workers desiring to file a claim for benefits  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23 (11) – Failure to Report  
Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act  
Iowa Code Ch. 96 – Iowa Employment Security Act  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1) – Appeal Dismissal  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Subsequent Agency Action

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant/appellant Aaron Brown filed an appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated April 6, 2022 (reference 03), finding claimant was ineligible to receive benefits because claimant failed to report as directed for a reemployment and eligibility assessment. After due notice was issued, a hearing was scheduled for May 25, 2022.

Prior to the hearing date, Iowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to the claimant, dated May 20, 2022 (reference 04) finding that claimant was eligible for unemployment insurance benefits effective April 3, 2022, because claimant had participated in the reemployment and eligibility assessment. This decision made the issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence was necessary, and no hearing was scheduled.

**ISSUE:**

Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant and his appeal. An unemployment insurance decision dated April 6, 2022 (reference 03) determined that the claimant was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits effective April 3, 2022, because claimant failed to report for a reemployment and eligibility assessment. The claimant appealed this decision. Before the hearing was held, Iowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to the claimant, dated May 22, 2022 (reference 04) stating that claimant is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits effective April 3, 2022, as

long as claimant meets all the other eligibility requirements. This subsequent agency decision resolved the only issue on appeal in the claimant's favor, making the appeal moot.

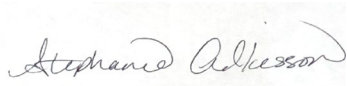
**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). "A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent." *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983).

The only issue on this appeal is now moot, due to subsequent agency action in favor of the appellant. The appeal of the original representative's decision dated April 6, 2022 (reference 03) is dismissed as moot.

**DECISION:**

The appeal of the unemployment insurance decision dated April 6, 2022 (reference 03) is dismissed as moot.



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May 26, 2022  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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