

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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HILARY A LANMAN
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 18A-UI-09514-S1-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

QPS EMPLOYMENT GROUP INC
Employer

OC: 05/27/18
Claimant: Appellant (2R)

Section 96.5-1-j – Separation from Temporary Employer

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Hilary Lanman (claimant) appealed a representative's September 4, 2018, decision (reference 01) that concluded she was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits due to her separation from work with QPS Employment Group (employer). After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on October 1, 2018. The claimant participated personally. The employer participated by Mai Lor, Unemployment Specialist, and Jennifer Hughes, Placement Coordinator 2. The employer offered and Exhibit 1 was received into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant was separated from employment for any disqualifying reason.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The employer is a temporary employment service. The claimant performed services from March 5, 2018, through May 21, 2018. She signed a document on March 2, 2018, indicating she was to contact the employer within three working days following the completion of an assignment to request placement in a new assignment. The document did indicate the consequences of a failure to notify the employer. The claimant was given a copy of the document which was separate from the contract for hire. The claimant completed her last assignment on May 21, 2018, and sought reassignment from the employer on May 21, 2018. Work was not immediately available.

The claimant is a self-employed antique dealer. She sells antiques from her home by appointment only. The claimant goes to shows on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. She only wants to work part-time jobs because work interferes with her business.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was not separated from employment for a disqualifying reason.

Iowa Code section 96.5(1)j provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits, regardless of the source of the individual's wage credits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

j. (1) The individual is a temporary employee of a temporary employment firm who notifies the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment and who seeks reassignment. Failure of the individual to notify the temporary employment firm of completion of an employment assignment within three working days of the completion of each employment assignment under a contract of hire shall be deemed a voluntary quit unless the individual was not advised in writing of the duty to notify the temporary employment firm upon completion of an employment assignment or the individual had good cause for not contacting the temporary employment firm within three working days and notified the firm at the first reasonable opportunity thereafter.

(2) To show that the employee was advised in writing of the notification requirement of this paragraph, the temporary employment firm shall advise the temporary employee by requiring the temporary employee, at the time of employment with the temporary employment firm, to read and sign a document that provides a clear and concise explanation of the notification requirement and the consequences of a failure to notify. The document shall be separate from any contract of employment and a copy of the signed document shall be provided to the temporary employee.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph:

(a) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed by a temporary employment firm to provide services to clients to supplement their workforce during absences, seasonal workloads, temporary skill or labor market shortages, and for special assignments and projects.

(b) "Temporary employment firm" means a person engaged in the business of employing temporary employees.

Under the Iowa Code the employer must advise the claimant of the three day notice requirement and give the claimant a copy of that requirement. The notice requirement must be separate from the contract for hire. The employer followed the requirements of the code. The claimant sought reassignment but no work was available. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

The issue of whether the claimant is able and available for work is remanded for determination.

DECISION:

The representative's September 4, 2018, decision (reference 01) is reversed. The claimant was separated from the employer for good cause attributable to the employer. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

The issue of whether the claimant is able and available for work is remanded for determination.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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