# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

**VICTORIA A WILSON** 

Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-17290-B2T** 

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

**AEROTEK INC** 

Employer

OC: 06/28/20

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(26) – Part-Time Worker – Same Wages and Hours

Iowa Code § 96.4-3 – Able and Available

Iowa Code § 96.7(2)A(2) - Partial Benefits

Iowa Code § 96.19(38) - Total and Partial Unemployment

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated July 29, 2021, reference 02, which held claimant not able and available for work. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on September 29, 2021. Claimant participated personally. Employer failed to respond to the hearing notice and did not participate. Claimant's Exhibits A-B were admitted into evidence

### **ISSUES:**

Whether claimant is still employed at the same hours and wages?

Whether claimant is eligible to receive partial benefits?

Whether claimant is able and available for work?

# **FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The claimant currently works for a placement from Aerotek, a base period employer, part time under the same terms and conditions as contemplated in the original contract of hire. Claimant missed two weeks of work in the month of July as she was quarantined after contact with her grandson, who'd been positive for Covid. Claimant was not able to work for that time period as she was at risk to spread the virus to others.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is not temporarily unemployed for the two week period between May 9 and May 22, 2021.

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".

Iowa Code section 96.19(38) provides:

"Total and partial unemployment".

- a. An individual shall be deemed "totally unemployed" in any week with respect to which no wages are payable to the individual and during which the individual performs no services.
- b. An individual shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week in which either of the following apply:
- (1) While employed at the individual's then regular job, the individual works less than the regular full-time week and in which the individual earns less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.
- (2) The individual, having been separated from the individual's regular job, earns at odd jobs less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.
- c. An individual shall be deemed temporarily unemployed if for a period, verified by the department, not to exceed four consecutive weeks, the individual is unemployed due to a plant shutdown, vacation, inventory, lack of work or emergency from the individual's regular job or trade in which the individual worked full-time and will again work full-time, if the individual's employment, although temporarily suspended, has not been terminated.

Because the claimant was not able to work for the two week period while she was quarantined, she is not eligible for regular state benefits for that period.

### **DECISION:**

The July 29, 2021, reference 02, decision is affirmed. The claimant is not temporarily unemployed for the two week period between May 9-22, 2021 and regular state unemployment benefits are denied for that period.

Blair A. Bennett

Administrative Law Judge

October 1, 2021

Decision Dated and Mailed

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Note to Claimant: This decision determines you are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance benefits. If you disagree with this decision you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision. Individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits due to disqualifying separations may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility under the program. Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information.