

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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MICHELE K STOLTE
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-04624-CT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/18/07 R: 04
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Section 96.4(3) – Work Search Requirements

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Michele Stolte filed an appeal from a representative's decision dated May 1, 2007, reference 01, which warned that she had to make at least two in-person job contacts each week. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone on May 22, 2007. Ms. Stolte participated personally.

ISSUE:

At issue in this matter is whether the work search warning issued to Ms. Stolte should be rescinded.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Ms. Stolte filed a claim for job insurance benefits effective February 18, 2007. She was given the required instructions on how to file her claims on a weekly basis. She was also provided written materials explaining the work search requirements. She indicated only one job contact for the week ending April 28, 2007. Ms. Stolte believed she had obtained employment that week but the offer was later withdrawn.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

In order to receive job insurance benefits, an individual must actively and earnestly seek work. Iowa Code section 96.4(3). This has been interpreted to mean at least two job contacts each week. Ms. Stolte only made one job contact during the week ending April 28, 2007. She may well have believed that she had found a job. However, her testimony failed to establish that the offer was withdrawn too late to enable her to make an additional contact for the week. Ms. Stolte failed to establish good cause for not complying with the requirement that she make at least two in-person job contacts each week. Therefore, the warning shall stand.

The warning does not result in a period of disqualification for Ms. Stolte. However, if she again fails to make at least two job contacts in any given week, she will be subject to disqualification at that time.

DECISION:

The representative's decision dated May 1, 2007, reference 01, is hereby affirmed. Ms. Stolte is warned that she must make at least two in-person job contacts each week in order to remain eligible for job insurance benefits.

Carolyn F. Coleman
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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