

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**RICKY L LAMBERT**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-02100-CT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 01/14/07 R: 04  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Section 96.3(7) – Recovery of Overpayments

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed a representative's decision dated February 23, 2007, reference 03, that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$444.00 as a result of a disqualification decision. A telephone hearing was scheduled and held on March 15, 2007, pursuant to due notice. The claimant did participate.

**ISSUE:**

At issue in this matter is whether Mr. Lambert has been overpaid job insurance benefits.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge, having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has now been reversed.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. 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.

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 not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$444.00 pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.3(7), as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has now been reversed.

The administrative law judge has remanded an issue concerning Mr. Lambert's refusal of work with Manpower. If it is determined that his refusals constituted disqualifying events, a new overpayment may be imposed on that basis.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated February 23, 2007, reference 03, is reversed. The claimant has not at this time been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$444.00.

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Carolyn F. Coleman  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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