

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

ROBERT PAIGE

Claimant

APPEAL NO: 10A-UI-04985-BT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

REMEDY INTELLIGENT STAFFING INC

Employer

OC: 02/07/10

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.4-3 - Able and Available for Work

Iowa Code § 96.5-3-a - Refusal of Suitable Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Robert Paige (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated March 29, 2010, reference 02, which held that he was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because he is working for Remedy Intelligent Staffing, Inc. (employer) at the same hours and wages as in his original contract of hire. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on May 14, 2010. The claimant participated in the hearing. The employer participated through Sadie Garland, Staffing Consultant. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the parties, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is working the same hours and wages as in his original contract of hire with this employer?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was hired by Remedy Intelligent Staffing on February 16, 2008 and was assigned to work for Pepsi as a part-time general laborer. His hours vary and there was no guarantee of a minimum number of hours. The claimant is still in that assignment with no change in his hours or wages.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue to be determined is whether the claimant is still employed with the employer for the same hours and wages as contemplated in the original contract of hire.

Iowa Code § 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

<http://www.iowaworkforce.org/ui/appeals/index.html>

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".

871 IAC 24.23(26) provides:

Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(26) Where a claimant is still employed in a part-time job at the same hours and wages as contemplated in the original contract for hire and is not working on a reduced workweek basis different from the contract for hire, such claimant cannot be considered partially unemployed.

The claimant was hired as a part-time general laborer. There has been no separation from his part-time employment and the claimant is currently working for this employer at the same hours and wages as contemplated in his original contract of hire. The claimant does not meet the availability requirements of the law and benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 29, 2010, reference 02, is affirmed. The claimant does not qualify for unemployment insurance benefits.

Susan D. Ackerman
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

sda/css