

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

NORMA J KOPPOLD
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-14931-LJ-T
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 06/07/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL 116-136, Sec. 2107 – Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On June 19, 2021, the claimant Norma J. Koppold appealed the June 14, 2021, (reference 03) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (“PEUC”) benefits in the amount of \$5,772.00 for the thirteen-week period ending December 26, 2020. A telephone hearing was held at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021, pursuant to due notice and was consolidated with the hearing for 21A-UI-14930-LJ-T and 21A-UI-14932-LJ-T. The claimant, Norma J. Koppold, participated. No exhibits were offered or admitted. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid PEUC benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received PEUC benefits in the gross amount of \$5,772.00 for the thirteen-week period ending December 26, 2020.

On March 10, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that disqualified claimant from receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See 21A-UI-07667-LJ-T. Claimant testified that she appealed this decision to the Employment Appeal Board, but there is no record of that appeal.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits.

PL 116-136 Sec 2107 provides in pertinent part:

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(2) PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT. —

Any agreement under paragraph (1) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation to individuals who—

(A) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before July 1, 2019);

(B) have no rights to regular compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law;

(C) are not receiving compensation with respect to such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada; and

(D) are able to work, available to work, and actively seeking work.

(emphasis added).

(e) FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.—

. . .

(2) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under this section to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such pandemic emergency unemployment compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(A) the payment of such pandemic emergency unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

The decision that denied claimant regular unemployment insurance benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for UI benefits, claimant is not eligible for PEUC benefits. Therefore, claimant has received PEUC benefits to which they were not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

DECISION:

The June 14, 2021 (reference 03) decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits in the amount of \$5,772.00, which must be repaid.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Johnson", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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August 31, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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