

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

**MARIA G RIVAS**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 07O-UI-06682-LT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/18/07 R: 01  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant appealed the April 2, 2007, reference 03, decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$668.00 for the two week period ending March 24, 2007 as a result of an ineligibility decision. A telephone hearing was held on April 30, 2007, pursuant to due notice. The claimant participated.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether claimant was overpaid benefits.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by an ineligibility decision that has now been reversed after the submission of legible documents. Claimant did receive benefits in the amount of \$668.00.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The administrative law judge concludes claimant has not been overpaid benefits for the period in question.

Iowa Code § 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 \$668.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the ineligibility decision that created the overpayment decision has now been reversed.

**DECISION:**

The April 2, 2007, reference 03, decision is reversed. The claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$668.00 for the two-week period ending March 24, 2007. Inasmuch as the overpayment has been offset against later benefits, the benefits shall be refunded to claimant.

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Dévon M. Lewis  
Administrative Law Judge

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