

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**RACHEL L GRANZOW**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 11A-UI-16318-VST**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**AREA EDUCATION AGENCY 267**  
Employer

**OC: 11/06/11  
Claimant: Appellant (4)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available  
Iowa Code § 96.19(38)a & b – Total and Partial Unemployment  
Iowa Code § 96.7(2)a(2) – Same Base Period Employment  
871 IAC 24.22(2)f – Part-Time Worker - Able and Available

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed an appeal from a representative's decision dated December 21, 2011, reference 01, which held the claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on January 24, 2012. The claimant participated. The employer participated by Bette Beauregard, benefits specialist. The record consists of the testimony of Rachel Granzow and the testimony of Bette Beauregard. Official notice is taken of agency records.

**ISSUE:**

Whether the claimant is able and available for work effective November 6, 2011.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having considered all of the evidence in the record, makes the following findings of fact:

The claimant has been laid off her job, which is a seasonal position, with 4 Queens, a restaurant located in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The employer is MNN Enterprise and the employer account number is 323694. She established her claim after her layoff on November 3, 2011. The original claim date is November 6, 2011. The claimant is not presently employed by Area Education Agency 267, which is employer account 322945. She worked for Area Education Agency 267 as a part-time summer school employee until summer school was finished on July 21, 2011. The claimant continued to work for MNN Enterprise after July 21, 2011, until the layoff on November 3, 2011. She is scheduled to return to work to MNN Enterprise in February 2012.

The claimant's wage records show wages in her base period from MNN Enterprise.

## REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is unemployed and the claimant's prior part-time employer is relieved of benefit charges for the period beginning November 6, 2011.

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:

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".

Iowa Code § 96.19-38 provides:

"Total and partial unemployment".

a. An individual shall be deemed "totally unemployed" in any week with respect to which no wages are payable to the individual and during which the individual performs no services.

b. An individual shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week in which, while employed at the individual's then regular job, the individual works less than the regular full-time week and in which the individual earns less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.

An individual shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week in which the individual, having been separated from the individual's regular job, earns at odd jobs less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.

c. An individual shall be deemed temporarily unemployed if for a period, verified by the department, not to exceed four consecutive weeks, the individual is unemployed due to a plant shutdown, vacation, inventory, lack of work or emergency from the individual's regular job or trade in which the individual worked full-time and will again work full-time, if the individual's employment, although temporarily suspended, has not been terminated.

Iowa Code § 96.7-2-a(2) provides:

2. Contribution rates based on benefit experience.

a. (2) The amount of regular benefits plus fifty percent of the amount of extended benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the account of the employers in the base period in the inverse chronological order in which the employment of the individual occurred.

However, if the individual to whom the benefits are paid is in the employ of a base period employer at the time the individual is receiving the benefits, and the individual is receiving the same employment from the employer that the individual received during the individual's base period, benefits paid to the individual shall not be charged against the account of the employer. This provision applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding subparagraph (3) and section 96.8, subsection 5.

An employer's account shall not be charged with benefits paid to an individual who left the work of the employer voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer or to an individual who was discharged for misconduct in connection with the individual's employment, or to an individual who failed without good cause, either to apply for available, suitable work or to accept suitable work with that employer, but shall be charged to the unemployment compensation fund. This paragraph applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The amount of benefits paid to an individual, which is solely due to wage credits considered to be in an individual's base period due to the exclusion and substitution of calendar quarters from the individual's base period under section 96.23, shall be charged against the account of the employer responsible for paying the workers' compensation benefits for temporary total disability or during a healing period under section 85.33, section 85.34, subsection 1, or section 85A.17, or responsible for paying indemnity insurance benefits.

871 IAC 23.43(4)a provides in part:

(4) Supplemental employment.

a. An individual, who has been separated with cause attributable to the regular employer and who remains in the employ of the individual's part-time, base period employer, continues to be eligible for benefits as long as the individual is receiving the same employment from the part-time employer that the individual received during the base period. The part-time employer's account, including the reimbursable employer's account, may be relieved of benefit charges....

The representative ruled that the claimant is still employed in her job at the same hours and wages as in the original contract of hire. This is not correct. The claimant's employment with this employer, Area Education Agency 267, ended on July 21, 2011. The claimant continued her employment with MNN Enterprises. She is presently laid off from her position with that employer. The decision that the claimant is not able and available for work is reversed. The claimant is eligible for benefits as of November 6, 2011. The account of Area Education Agency 267 (322945) shall not be charged.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision dated December 21, 2011, reference 01, is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant is able and available for work as of November 6, 2011. The account of this employer (322945) shall not be charged.

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Vicki L. Seeck  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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