

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

**HASSAN S ABDI**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 11A-UI-10165-AT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/20/11**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

871 IAC 24.2(1)e – Reporting as Directed

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Hassan S. Abdi filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated July 25, 2011, reference 01, that denied benefits to him upon a finding that he had failed to respond to a notice that been mailed to him instructing him to register for work. After due notice was issued, a telephone hearing was held August 25, 2011, with Mr. Abdi participating. Abukar Abraham served as interpreter.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant report as directed?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Hassan S. Abdi received a notice from Iowa Workforce Development instructing him that he needed to register for work either online or in person. Mr. Abdi lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He went to an office of the South Dakota Department of Labor for assistance in registering for work. Mr. Abdi neither speaks nor reads English. He believes, in good faith, that he has registered for work.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The question is whether benefits should be withheld due to the claimant's failure to respond to the notice that was mailed to him. The administrative law judge concludes from the claimant's testimony that he made a good-faith effort to register for work. Since he responded to the Agency's notice, benefits are allowed.

During the hearing, the administrative law judge urged Mr. Abdi to return to the South Dakota Department of Labor and ask them to confirm that the registration for work has been completed.

**DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated July 25, 2011, reference 01, is reversed. The claimant is entitled to receive unemployment insurance benefits, provided he is otherwise eligible.

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Dan Anderson  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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