

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

DAKOTA J KIENZLE
Claimant

APPEAL 18A-UI-11505-NM-T
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

OC: 11/11/18
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.3(4) – Determination of Benefits
Iowa Code § 96.4(4) – Monetary Eligibility

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the November 14, 2018, monetary determination finding he was not monetarily eligible for benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on December 12, 2018. Claimant participated.

ISSUES:

Is the monetary record dated November 14, 2018, correct?
Is the claimant monetarily eligible for benefits effective November 11, 2018?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The base period for the claim year effective November 11, 2018, covers the third and fourth quarters of 2017, and the first and second quarters of 2018. Claimant testified the wages listed in the monetary record for those quarters are correct. The record shows claimant earned \$73.00 in the third quarter of 2017, \$205.00 in the fourth quarter of 2017, \$342.00 in the first quarter of 2018, and \$3,498.00 in the second quarter of 2018. While claimant may have earned additional wages from his base period employers prior to the third quarter of 2017 or in the third quarter of 2018, those quarters do not count towards the benefit year wages or benefit calculation.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the monetary record is correct.

Iowa Code section 96.4(4)a-b-c provides:

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

a. The individual has been paid wages for insured work during the individual's base period in an amount at least one and one-quarter times the wages paid to

the individual during that quarter of the individual's base period in which the individual's wages were highest; provided that the individual has been paid wages for insured work totaling at least three and five-tenths percent of the statewide average annual wage for insured work, computed for the preceding calendar year if the individual's benefit year begins on or after the first full week in July and computed for the second preceding calendar year if the individual's benefit year begins before the first full week in July, in that calendar quarter in the individual's base period in which the individual's wages were highest, and the individual has been paid wages for insured work totaling at least one-half of the amount of wages required under this paragraph in the calendar quarter of the base period in which the individual's wages were highest, in a calendar quarter in the individual's base period other than the calendar quarter in which the individual's wages were highest. The calendar quarter wage requirements shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars.

b. For an individual who does not have sufficient wages in the base period, as defined in section 96.19, to otherwise qualify for benefits pursuant to this subsection, the individual's base period shall be the last four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of the individual's benefit year if such period qualifies the individual for benefits under this subsection.

(1) Wages that fall within the alternative base period established under this paragraph "b" are not available for qualifying benefits in any subsequent benefit year.

(2) Employers shall be charged in the manner provided in this chapter for benefits paid based upon quarters used in the alternative base period.

c. If the individual has drawn benefits in any benefit year, the individual must during or subsequent to that year, work in and be paid wages for insured work totaling at least eight times the individual's weekly benefit amount, as a condition to receive benefits in the next benefit year.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.1(11) provides:

Base period. The period of time in which the amount of wages paid to an individual in insured work which determines an individual's eligibility for, and the amount and duration of, benefits. The base period consists of the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the calendar quarter in which the individual's claim for benefits is effective with the following exception. The department shall exclude three or more calendar quarters from the individual's base period in which the individual received workers' compensation or indemnity insurance benefits and substitute consecutive calendar quarters immediately preceding the base period in which the individual did not receive workers' compensation or indemnity insurance benefits. This exception applies under the following conditions:

a. The individual did not work in and receive wages from insured work for three calendar quarters of the base period, or

b. The individual did not work in and receive wages from insured work for two calendar quarters and lacked qualifying wages from insured work to establish a valid claim for benefits during another quarter of the base period.

Iowa Code section 96.3(4) provides:

4. Determination of benefits. With respect to benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 1983, an eligible individual's weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment shall be an amount equal to the following fractions of the individual's total wages in insured work paid during that quarter of the individual's base period in which such total wages were highest; the director shall determine annually a maximum weekly benefit amount equal to the following percentages, to vary with the number of dependents, of the statewide average weekly wage paid to employees in insured work which shall be effective the first day of the first full week in July:

If the number of dependents is:	The weekly benefit amount shall equal the following fraction of high quarter wages:	Subject to the following maximum percentage of the statewide average weekly wage.
0	1/23	53%
1	1/22	55%
2	1/21	57%
3	1/20	60%
4 or more	1/19	65%

The maximum weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of one dollar shall be rounded to the lower multiple of one dollar. However, until such time as sixty-five percent of the statewide average weekly wage exceeds one hundred ninety dollars, the maximum weekly benefit amounts shall be determined using the statewide average weekly wage computed on the basis of wages reported for calendar year 1981. As used in this section "dependent" means dependent as defined in section 422.12, subsection 1, paragraph "a", as if the individual claimant was a taxpayer, except that an individual claimant's nonworking spouse shall be deemed to be a dependent under this section. "Nonworking spouse" means a spouse who does not earn more than one hundred twenty dollars in gross wages in one week.

The claimant agrees the monetary record is correct. In order to be eligible for benefits, claimant would have had to earn at least \$1,610.00 in one quarter and at least \$800.00 in another quarter. Claimant's base period wages do not meet the second, \$800.00, requirement, making him ineligible for benefits at this time. Claimant may file again after January 6, 2019.

DECISION:

The monetary record is correct and the November 14, 2018 monetary determination is affirmed.

Nicole Merrill
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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