

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

AJ BATZLER
Claimant

US POSTAL SERVICE
Employer

APPEAL 22A-UCFE-00021-AW-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**OC: 02/20/22
Claimant: Appellant (6)**

Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the March 24, 2022 (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits. Before a hearing was held, Iowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to claimant on April 15, 2022 (reference 04). This decision made the issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence was necessary. No hearing was held. Official notice is taken of the administrative record.

ISSUES:

Should the most recent unemployment insurance decision be affirmed?
Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant and his appeal.

An unemployment insurance decision dated March 24, 2022 (reference 01) determined that the claimant was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits as of February 20, 2022 finding that claimant was still employed on-call with the US Postal Service. The claimant appealed this decision.

Before a hearing was held, IWD issued a decision on April 15, 2022 (reference 04) finding the decision issued March 24, 2022 (reference 01) was issued in error because claimant was never employed by the US Postal Service. The April 15, 2022 decision declares the March 24, 2022 decision null and void.

IWD asked that the appeal be dismissed. The April 15, 2022 decision resolved the only issue on appeal in the claimant's favor.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). "A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent." *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983)

The decision appealed has been declared null and void, making this appeal moot. The appeal of the original representative's decision dated March 24, 2022 is dismissed.

DECISION:

The March 24, 2022 (reference 01) appeal is dismissed as moot. No hearing shall be held.

The hearing scheduled for April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. is cancelled.



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