

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**ALEXANDRIA J ELY**  
Claimant

**CASEY'S MARKETING COMPANY**  
Employer

**APPEAL 21A-UI-17892-CS-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 05/30/21  
Claimant: Appellant (4)**

Iowa Code §96.5(2)a-Discharge/Misconduct  
Iowa Code §96.5(1)- Voluntary Quit

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On August 13, 2021, the claimant/appellant filed an appeal from the August 12, 2021, (reference 05) unemployment insurance decision that disallowed benefits based on claimant voluntarily quitting for personal reasons. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on October 6, 2021. Claimant participated at the hearing. Employer did not register a number to participate in the hearing prior to the hearing and therefore did not participate in the hearing.

**ISSUE:**

Was the separation a layoff, discharge for misconduct, or voluntary quit without good cause?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant began working for employer on in March 2021. Claimant last worked as a part-time team member. Claimant also worked for another employer part time. Claimant was separated from employment with this employer on May 20, 2021, when claimant informed her manager that she was quitting.

When claimant was three months pregnant she would become nauseous and would get sick. The employer would schedule claimant to work by herself on Fridays and Saturdays and the claimant felt that she could not keep up. Claimant spoke to her manager two or three weeks before her quitting and asked her to schedule another employee to assist her with the work load. Claimant also reported she was having a tough time doing the work because she was not supposed to lift over 30lbs due to her pregnancy. The claimant was not under a physician's work restriction. The employer did not schedule more staff during the time period. Claimant informed the employer that she was quitting.

The claimant has total base wages in the following quarters as follows: 1/2020= \$2,008.00; 2/2020= \$2,967.00; 3/2020= \$511.00; and 4/2020= \$1,938.00.

## REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant voluntarily left employment without good cause attributable to the employer, but has not requalified and is otherwise monetarily eligible.

Iowa Code section 96.5(1) provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits, regardless of the source of the individual's wage credits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.25(18) provides:

Voluntary quit without good cause. In general, a voluntary quit means discontinuing the employment because the employee no longer desires to remain in the relationship of an employee with the employer from whom the employee has separated. The employer has the burden of proving that the claimant is disqualified for benefits pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.5. However, the claimant has the initial burden to produce evidence that the claimant is not disqualified for benefits in cases involving Iowa Code section 96.5, subsection (1), paragraphs "a" through "i," and subsection 10. The following reasons for a voluntary quit shall be presumed to be without good cause attributable to the employer:

- (18) The claimant left because of a dislike of the shift worked.

Iowa Code section 96.5(1)g provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits, regardless of the source of the individual's wage credits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department. But the individual shall not be disqualified if the department finds that:

g. The individual left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer under circumstances which did or would disqualify the individual for benefits, except as provided in paragraph "a" of this subsection but, subsequent to the leaving, the individual worked in and was paid wages for insured work equal to ten times the individual's weekly benefit amount, provided the individual is otherwise eligible.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.27 provides:

Voluntary quit of part-time employment and requalification. An individual who voluntarily quits without good cause part-time employment and has not requalified for benefits following the voluntary quit of part-time employment, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible for benefits based on wages paid by the regular or other base period employers, shall not

be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. The individual and the part-time employer which was voluntarily quit shall be notified on Form 655323, Unemployment Insurance Decision, that benefit payments shall not be made which are based on the wages paid by the part-time employer and benefit charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account; however, once the individual has met the requalification requirements following the voluntary quit without good cause of the part-time employer, the wages paid in the part-time employment shall be available for benefit payment purposes. For benefit charging purposes and as determined by the applicable requalification requirements, the wages paid by the part-time employer shall be transferred to the balancing account.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 96.5(1)g.

The claimant voluntarily left employment because she did not like the shift she was working. Claimant reported it was a busy shift and she did not feel like she could physically keep up. The separation from this employer is disqualifying and the claimant has not requalified for benefits since the separation. However, she is otherwise monetarily eligible according to base period wages. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

**DECISION:**

The August 12, 2021, reference 05, decision is modified in favor of the appellant. The claimant voluntarily left the employment without good cause attributable to the employer and has not requalified for benefits but is otherwise monetarily eligible. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible. The account of this employer shall not be charged.



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Carly Smith  
Administrative Law Judge  
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

October 8, 2021  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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