

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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

JERRI J OLSON
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 07A-UI-05223-CT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/11/07 R: 01
Claimant: Appellant (2)

871 IAC 24.6(6) – Reemployment Services

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Jerri Olson filed an appeal from a representative's decision dated May 18, 2007, reference 04, which denied benefits for the one week ending May 19, 2007 on a finding that she failed to report for reemployment services. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone on June 7, 2007. Ms. Olson participated personally.

ISSUE:

At issue in this matter is whether Ms. Olson has established justification for not participating in reemployment services.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Ms. Olson was mailed a notice directing her to report for reemployment services on May 15, 2007. Prior to that date, she contacted her local Workforce Development office to question whether she had to participate since she had accepted employment, which was to start on May 28. She was told she did not have to report and, therefore, did not do so. Ms. Olson would have reported as scheduled if she had been told by her local office that she still had to report, her acceptance of employment notwithstanding.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

An individual who fails to participate in reemployment services without justifiable cause is disqualified from receiving benefits until she does participate in such services. 871 IAC 24.(6)6. The administrative law judge concludes that Ms. Olson has established justification for not reporting for reemployment services on May 15, 2007. She acted in good-faith reliance on the information provided by her local office to the effect that she did not have to report since she had already found a job. For the above reasons, the disqualification shall be removed.

DECISION:

The representative's decision dated May 18, 2007, reference 04, is hereby reversed. Ms. Olson was justified in not participating in reemployment services on May 15, 2007. Benefits are allowed for the week ending May 19, 2007, provided she satisfies all other conditions of eligibility.

Carolyn F. Coleman
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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