

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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BRIDGETTE M LOCKMAN
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 13A-UI-01463-LT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 11/18/12
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available/Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the January 29, 2013 (reference 04), decision that warned claimant to make at least two in-person work search contacts per week but did not deny benefits for the week ending January 26, 2013. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on February 11, 2013. Claimant participated.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant make an adequate work search for the week ending January 26, 2013 and was the warning appropriate?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant claimed benefits for the week ending January 26, 2013. She did not make two in-person work searches for that week because she believed she was eligible for DAT.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has not made an active and earnest search for work, but the issue is moot since she is otherwise ineligible for benefits.

Iowa Code § 96.4-3 provides:

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

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements

of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

871 IAC 24.23(28) provides:

(28) A claimant will be ineligible for benefits because of failure to make an adequate work search after having been previously warned and instructed to expand the search for work effort.

The claimant has not sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge an active and earnest search for work for the week ending January 26, 2013. Accordingly, the warning was appropriate.

DECISION:

The January 29, 2013 (reference 04) decision is affirmed. The claimant did not make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending January 26, 2013. Therefore, the warning was appropriate.

Dévon M. Lewis
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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