

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

RODNEY D RAHN
Claimant

APPEAL 19A-UI-03907-H2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/17/19
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) - Able and Available
871 IAC 24.2(1)e – Failure to Report

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the May 9, 2019, (reference 03) decision that denied benefits because of a failure to report as directed. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on June 11, 2019. Claimant participated.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant fail to report to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) as directed?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having examined the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: On May 2, 2019, a notice was mailed to the claimant to be available for a call from IWD at 9:40 a.m. on May 8, 2019 about his availability for work the week ending April 27, 2019. The claimant did not receive the notice indicating that he had a fact-finding interview. The claimant filed a weekly continuing claim and mistakenly indicated he was not available for work.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has established a good cause reason for having failed to report as directed.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

(1) An individual who files a weekly continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly on a debit card specified by the department.

(2) The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.6(1-6) provides:

Reemployment services and eligibility assessment procedure.

(1) The department of workforce development will provide a program which consists of profiling claimants and providing reemployment services.

(1) Purpose.

a Profiling is a systematic procedure used to identify claimants who, because of certain characteristics, are determined to be permanently separated and most likely to exhaust benefits. Such claimants may be referred to reemployment services.

b. The eligibility assessment program is used to accelerate the individual's return to work and systematically review the individual's efforts towards the same goal.

(3) Reemployment services and eligibility assessment may include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. An assessment of the claimant's aptitude, work history, and interest.

b. Employment counseling regarding reemployment approaches and plans.

c. Job search assistance and job placement services.

d. Labor market information.

e. Job search workshops or job clubs and referrals to employers.

f. Résumé preparation.

g. Other similar services.

(4) As part of the initial intake procedure, each claimant shall be required to provide the information necessary for profiling and evaluation of the likelihood of needing reemployment assistance.

(5) The referral of a claimant and the provision of reemployment services is subject to the availability of funding and limitations of the size of the classes.

(6) A claimant shall participate in reemployment services when referred by the department unless the claimant establishes justifiable cause for failure to participate or the claimant has previously completed such training or services. Failure by the claimant to participate without justifiable cause shall disqualify the claimant from the receipt of benefits until the claimant participates in the reemployment services or eligibility assessment. The claimant shall contact the agency prior to the scheduled appointment or service to advise the department of the justifiable cause..

a. Justifiable cause for failure to participate is an important and significant reason which a reasonable person would consider adequate justification in view of the paramount importance of reemployment to the claimant. Justifiable cause includes when the claimant is scheduled for an employment interview, is verified return to work, or both prior to the scheduled appointment or service.

b. Reserved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 96.4(7).

Non-receipt of the notice is a good-cause reason for a failure to report as directed. Benefits are allowed.

Since claimant has established a good-cause reason for failing to report as directed, benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

DECISION:

The May 9, 2019, (reference 03) decision is reversed. The claimant has established a good-cause reason for failing to report as directed. Benefits are allowed for the week ending April 27, 2019, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Teresa K. Hillary
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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