IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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ZIRYAB ALBALOULA

Claimant

APPEAL NO: 14A-UI-07460-ET

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

DECISION

THE UNIVERITY OF IOWA

Employer

OC: 06/15/14

Claimant: Appellant (4-R)

Iowa Code § 96.5-1 - Voluntary Quit 871 IAC 24.27 - Voluntary Quit of Part-Time Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated July 10, 2014, reference 01, which held that he was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because he voluntary quit his job. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, a telephone hearing was held on August 12, 2014. The claimant participated in the hearing. Mary Eggenburg, Benefits Specialist and Rebecca Iliff, Associate Director of Food and Nutrition Services, participated in the hearing on behalf of the employer.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant's voluntary separation from his part-time employment qualifies him to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant was employed as a part-time cashier I for The University of Iowa from September 1, 2011 through April 5, 2014. He resigned because he was also working a full-time job at the Patient Education Institute and was having difficulty making it to his full-time job on time on Sunday mornings. He was separated from his position with the Patient Education Institute May 16, 2014, when his job was eliminated.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the reasons for the claimant's separation from employment qualify him to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

Iowa Code § 96.5(1) provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

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. 871-24.27 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 the Form 65-5323 or 60-0186, 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.

The claimant has the burden of proving that the voluntary quit was for a good reason that would not disqualify him. Iowa Code § 96.6-2. The claimant voluntarily left his position with The University of Iowa because his hours conflicted with those of his full-time job. Because the claimant's leaving was not attributable to the employer, his separation is disqualifying.

However, an individual who quits part-time employment without good cause, yet is otherwise monetarily eligible based on wages paid by other base-period employers, shall not be disqualified for voluntarily quitting the part-time employment. Benefit payments shall not be based on wages paid by the part-time employer and charges shall not be assessed against the part-time employer's account. Once the individual has met the requalification requirements, the wages paid from the part-time employment can be used for benefit payment purposes. 871 IAC 24.27.

Based on this regulation, this matter is remanded to the Claims Section to determine whether the claimant is monetarily eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits when the wage credits the claimant earned while working for the employer are not used in determining the claimant's monetary eligibility or his maximum weekly benefit amount.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated July 10, 2014, reference 01, is modified in favor of the claimant/appellant. The claimant voluntarily quit his part-time employment for disqualifying reasons. Therefore, the employer's account will not be charged. This matter is remanded to the Claims Section to determine whether the claimant is monetarily eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits and to determine what his maximum weekly benefit amount is when the wage credits the claimant earned from the employer are not taken into consideration to determine these two issues.

Julie Elder Administrative Law Judge Decision Dated and Mailed

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