

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**MARK L FAIRBANKS**  
Claimant

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**APPEAL 15A-UI-14366-JCT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**OC: 11/29/15  
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e – Notice to Report  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(11) – Failure to Report

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Claimant filed a timely appeal from the December 22, 2015, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was scheduled to be held on January 22, 2016. Because the issue appealed was resolved administratively prior to the hearing in the appellant's favor (see the reference 03 representative's decision), no testimony was necessary and no hearing was held.

**ISSUE:**

Should the unemployment insurance decision be affirmed?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The decision appealed has been amended in favor of the appellant by the reference 03 representative's decision.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the representative's decision should be reversed.

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".

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.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

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

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(11) provides:

Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(11) Failure to report as directed to workforce development in response to the notice which was mailed to the claimant will result in the claimant being deemed not to meet the availability requirements.

Since the decision appealed has been amended in favor of the appellant, the original representative's decision bearing reference 01 is reversed.

The January 22, 2016 hearing is cancelled.

**DECISION:**

The December 22, 2015, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision is reversed.  
Benefits are allowed.

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Jennifer L. Coe  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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