

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

ROBERT L WILLIAMS
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-06708-AD-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/22/20
Claimant: Appellant (4)

PL116-136, Sec. 2104(f)(2) – Overpayment of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On March 2, 2021, Robert Williams (claimant/appellant) appealed the February 19, 2021 (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$1,800.00 for a six-week period beginning December 27, 2020 and ending February 13, 2021, as a result of a decision finding claimant ineligible for PEUC.

A telephone hearing was held on May 13, 2021, pursuant to due notice. Claimant participated personally. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Was the claimant overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The unemployment insurance system shows claimant received FPUC in the amount of \$300.00 for a total of five weeks, from the benefit week ending January 2, 2021 and through the benefit week ending February 6, 2021, not including the benefit week ending January 23, 2021. The administrative record shows the payment for that week was cancelled. The total amount of FPUC paid during that period is \$1,500.00.

Claimant was subsequently determined to be ineligible for PEUC in a decision dated February 19, 2021. That decision has now been affirmed. See 21A-UI-06705-AD-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons set forth below, the February 19, 2021 (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the

amount of \$1,800.00 for a six-week period beginning December 27, 2020 and ending February 13, 2021 is MODIFIED in favor of appellant.

PL116-136, Sec. 2104 provides, in pertinent part:

(b) Provisions of Agreement

(1) Federal pandemic unemployment compensation.--Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of regular compensation to individuals in amounts and to the extent that they would be determined if the State law of the State were applied, with respect to any week for which the individual is (disregarding this section) otherwise entitled under the State law to receive regular compensation, as if such State law had been modified in a manner such that the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable for any week shall be equal to

(A) the amount determined under the State law (before the application of this paragraph), plus

(B) an additional amount of \$600 (in this section referred to as "Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation").

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(f) Fraud and Overpayments

(2) Repayment.--In the case of individuals who have received amounts of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that –

(A) the payment of such Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

Because the claimant was not eligible for PEUC during the period in question, neither was he eligible for FPUC. Claimant has therefore been overpaid FPUC in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The administrative law judge notes claimant may request a waiver of the FPUC overpayment amount. There is further information below regarding how to request a waiver.

DECISION:

The February 19, 2021 (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$1,800.00 for a six-week period beginning December 27, 2020 and ending February 13, 2021 is MODIFIED in favor of appellant. The overpayment amount is \$1,500.00 rather than \$1,800.00.



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May 21, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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Note to Claimant:

This decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC and/or PEUC under the CARES Act. If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision. Additionally, instructions for requesting a waiver of this overpayment can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery>. If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.

Individuals who are disqualified from or are otherwise ineligible for **regular** unemployment insurance benefits but who are unemployed for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). **You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility.** Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information>.