

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

NOLAN W COOK
Claimant

APPEAL NO: 08A-UI-00495-MT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 12/30/07 R: 04
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available/Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from a January 8, 2008, reference 02, decision that found the claimant warned for the week ending January 5, 2008, because of inadequate in person work search contacts. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on January 30, 2008, with the claimant participating.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant made adequate work searches.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's testimony that appropriate in-person work searches were not made is credible. During the first week in which claimant filed a telephone claim, he failed to make a work search due to visiting family members from out of town.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has not made appropriate in-person work search contacts. Visiting family members is not good cause for failure to make appropriate work searches.

Iowa Code section 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".

The claimant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that appropriate in-person work search contacts were made for the week ending January 5, 2008. Accordingly, the warning stands.

DECISION:

The January 8, 2008 reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant did not make appropriate in-person work search contacts for the week ending January 5, 2008. The warning stands as issued.

Marlon Mormann
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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