

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

VICTORIA M STOVER
Claimant

US POSTAL SERVICE
Employer

APPEAL 15A-UI-10511-DGT
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION

OC: 08/30/15
Claimant: Respondent (1)

Iowa Code § 96.6(3) – Appeals
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(1) – Determination and Review of Benefit Rights
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.28(6-8) – Prior Adjudication

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer filed an appeal from the September 10, 2015, (reference 03) decision that allowed benefits based upon a decision in a prior benefit year for the same separation. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on October 1, 2015. Claimant participated. Employer participated through Katherine Langel, Postmaster.

ISSUE:

Was the separation adjudicated in a prior claim year?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The decision at issue has been adjudicated in a prior claim year and that decision has become final.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the separation at issue has been adjudicated in a prior claim year and that decision has become final.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.28(6) provides:

Voluntary quit requalifications and previously adjudicated voluntary quit issues.

(6) The claimant voluntarily left employment. However, there shall be no disqualification under Iowa Code section 96.5(1) if a decision on this same separation has been made on a prior claim by a representative of the department and such decision has become final.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(1) provides:

Claims for benefits shall be promptly determined by the department on the basis of such facts as it may obtain. Notice of such determination shall be promptly given to each claimant and to any employer whose employment relationship with the claimant, or the claimant's separation therefrom, involves actual or potential disqualifying issues relevant to the determination. . . . The notice of appeal rights shall state clearly the place and manner for taking an appeal from the determination and the period within which an appeal may be taken. Unless the claimant or any other such party entitled to notice, within ten days after such notification was mailed to such claimant's last-known address, files with the department a written request for a review of or an appeal from such determination, such determination shall be final.

The issue presented was resolved in a prior claim year (original claim date August 31, 2014) as the representative's decision dated August 14, 2015, (reference 03). The current decision, referring to the prior claim year decision for the same separation date, is affirmed.

DECISION:

The September 10, 2015, (reference 03) decision is affirmed. The prior decision on the separation remains in effect.

Duane L. Golden
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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