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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section  
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-12031-HT  
OC: 0509/04 R: 02  
Claimant: Appellant (1)

**This Decision Shall Become Final**, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
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(Administrative Law Judge)

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(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-5-c - Pension

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant, Laura Auten, filed an appeal from a decision dated November 5, 2004, reference 04. The decision notified her that her weekly benefit amount would be reduced due to the receipt of a pension. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on December 6, 2004. The claimant participated on her own behalf. The employer, Maytag, did not provide a telephone number where a representative could be contacted and did not participate.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witness and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Laura Auten filed a claim for unemployment benefits with an effective date of May 9, 2004. Her weekly unemployment benefit amount was \$310.00, but was reduced to \$300.00.

Effective June 1, 2004, the claimant began receiving a pension of \$1,450.00 monthly from Maytag. This pension was not contributed to by Ms. Auten but was solely financed by the employer. The weekly amount of the pension is \$334.00.

#### REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant is eligible to receive benefits. The judge concludes she is not.

Iowa Code Section 96.5-5 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

5. Other compensation. For any week with respect to which the individual is receiving or has received payment in the form of any of the following:

a. Wages in lieu of notice, separation allowance, severance pay, or dismissal pay.

b. Compensation for temporary disability under the workers' compensation law of any state or under a similar law of the United States.

c. A governmental or other pension, retirement or retired pay, annuity, or any other similar periodic payment made under a plan maintained or contributed to by a base period or chargeable employer where, except for benefits under the federal Social Security Act or the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 or the corresponding provisions of prior law, the plan's eligibility requirements or benefit payments are affected by the base period employment or the remuneration for the base period employment. However, if an individual's benefits are reduced due to the receipt of a payment under this paragraph, the reduction shall be decreased by the same percentage as the percentage contribution of the individual to the plan under which the payment is made.

Provided, that if the remuneration is less than the benefits which would otherwise be due under this chapter, the individual is entitled to receive for the week, if otherwise eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of the remuneration. Provided further, if benefits were paid for any week under this chapter for a period when benefits, remuneration or compensation under paragraph "a", "b", or "c", were paid on a retroactive basis for the same period, or any part thereof, the department shall recover the excess amount of benefits paid by the department for the period, and no employer's account shall be charged with benefits so paid. However, compensation for service-connected disabilities or compensation for accrued leave based on military service, by the beneficiary, with the armed forces of the United States, irrespective of the amount of the benefit, does not disqualify any individual, otherwise qualified, from any of the benefits contemplated herein. A deduction shall not be made from the amount of benefits

payable for a week for individuals receiving federal social security pensions to take into account the individuals' contributions to the pension program.

The claimant is receiving a pension in the amount of \$334.00 per week. This is greater than her weekly unemployment benefit amount. Because the pension was contributed to solely by the employer, the entire amount is deductible from her unemployment benefits.

DECISION:

The representative's decision of November 5, 2004, reference 04, is affirmed. Laura Auten is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits effective with the week ending June 5, 2004, due to the receipt of pension payments which exceed her weekly unemployment

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