

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
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: 06A-UI-04831-MT
OC: 04/02/06 R: 01
Claimant: Respondent (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, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in this appeal or you may obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds. It is important that you file your claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Employer filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated April 27, 2006, reference 03, which held claimant able and available for work. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on May 22, 2006. Claimant participated personally with witness Katrina Heller. Employer participated by Denise Fevold, Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant went off work January 20, 2006 due to pregnancy and delivery of a child. Claimant was released to full duty March 3, 2006. Claimant went back and asked for

further employment but got the run around. Employer offered claimant further employment at the time of hearing contingent upon supplying a doctor's release.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant is able and available for work.

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".

Benefits are allowed because claimant has been granted a full medical release to return to work. Benefits shall be allowed effective April 2, 2006.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated April 27, 2006, reference 03, is affirmed. Claimant is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits, effective April 2, 2006, provided claimant meets all other eligibility requirements. Employer is obligated to report any refusal of suitable work offer to the local workforce development office.

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