# IN THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

ERIC STAMPS Claimant

# APPEAL 24A-UI-03753-LJ-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

PEOPLEREADY INC Employer

> OC: 08/28/22 Claimant: Appellant (6)

Iowa Code § 96.4(4) – Monetary Eligibility and Subsequent Benefit Year Iowa Code § 96.3(4) – Determination of Benefits Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant, Eric Stamps, filed an appeal from the unemployment insurance monetary record issued August 31, 2022, determining that he was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits as of August 28, 2022, because he lacked qualifying earnings in his base period of employment. Claimant had previously appealed this monetary record. Therefore, claimant's appeal was set up in error. No hearing was held.

## **ISSUES:**

Should the appeal be dismissed because it was set up in error?

## FINDINGS OF FACT:

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant and his appeal. The unemployment insurance monetary record dated August 31, 2022 (reference 02), determined that the claimant was not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits as of August 28, 2022, because he lacked qualifying earnings in his base period of employment. Claimant appealed this monetary record on September 15, 2022. Claimant's appeal was docketed as 22A-UI-17184. The undersigned administrative law judge held a telephonic hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 for that appeal. Claimant did not appear for the hearing, and the judge issued a default decision.

Subsequently, on April 11, 2024, claimant filed an appeal with the Iowa Department of Inspections Appeals and Licensing ("DIAL") UI Appeals Bureau. An intake worker reviewed claimant's most recent claim year – the claim year effective August 28, 2022 – and the only document available to set up for appeal was the August 31, 2022 monetary record. Therefore, the intake worker applied the appeal to that monetary record. This appeal was set up in error, as claimant has already appealed the monetary record and had the opportunity to be heard on that appeal.

# **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) provides:

Determination and review of benefit rights.

Upon receiving a written request for review or, on its own initiative and on the basis of the facts as it may have in its possession or may aquire, the benefits bureau may affirm, modify, or reverse the prior decision, or refer the claim to an administrative law judge. The claimant or any other party filing the request for review shall be promptly notified of the decision or referral. Unless the claimant or any other party files an appeal within ten days after the date of mailing, the latter decision shall be final, and benefits shall be paid or denied in accordance therewith.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.8(1) provides

Withdrawals, dismissals, and postponements.

An appeal may be withdrawn at any time prior to the issuance of a decision upon the request of the appellant and with the approval of an administrative law judge or the manager or chief administrative law judge of the appeals bureau. Requests for withdrawal may be made in writing or orally, provided the oral request is tape-recorded by the presiding officer.

An appeal may be dismissed upon the request of a party or in the agency's discretion when the issue or issues on appeal have been resolved in the appellant's favor.

The monetary record has previously been appealed by the claimant, the appeal was adjudicated, and a decision has already been issued. This appeal has been set up in error. The appeal will now be dismissed.

## DECISION:

The present appeal set up on the August 31, 2022 monetary record is dismissed. The appeal was set up in error, as this matter has already been appealed and adjudicated.

Elizabeth A. Johnson Administrative Law Judge

May 10, 2024 Decision Dated and Mailed

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APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

#### Iowa Employment Appeal Board 6200 Park Avenue Suite 100 Des Moines, Iowa 50321 Fax: (515)281-7191 Online: eab.iowa.gov

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.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL STATE CLEARLY:

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.

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may then file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If no one files an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at lowa Code §17A.19, which is online at <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf</a> or by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court Lerk of Court Lerk of Court S.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/.

**Note to Parties:** YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or 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.

**Note to Claimant:** It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

### SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

#### Iowa Employment Appeal Board 6200 Park Avenue Suite 100 Des Moines, Iowa 50321 Fax: (515)281-7191 En línea: eab.iowa.gov

El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal.

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

- 1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.
- 2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.
- 3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.

4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si nadie presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelaciones Laborales dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en acción final de la agencia y usted tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días después de que la decisión adquiera firmeza. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en el Código de Iowa §17A.19, que se encuentra en línea en https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf o comunicándose con el Tribunal de Distrito Secretario del tribunal https:///www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/.

**Nota para las partes:** USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

**Nota para el reclamante:** es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

#### SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.