

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

KAREN BERTRAND
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 22A-UI-07041-JD-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 11/28/21
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On March 23, 2022, the claimant Karen Bertrand appealed the March 28, 2022, (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$3,354.00 for the thirteen-week period ending March 5, 2022. A telephone hearing was held at 9:10 a.m. on May 4, 2022, pursuant to due notice and was consolidated with the hearing for 22A-UI-07039-JD-T and 22A-UI-07040-JD-T. The claimant, Karen Bertrand, participated. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received regular unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$3,354.00 for the thirteen-week period from December 5, 2021 through March 5, 2022. On March 15, 2022, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 03) that disqualified claimant from receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits. That decision has been modified in favor of the claimant/appellant but the decision disqualifies the claimant as not being able to or available for work until March 25, 2022. The decision disqualifies the claimant from benefits from December 5, 2021, through March 25, 2022. See 22A-UI-07039-JD-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge concludes claimant has been overpaid benefits for the period in question.

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

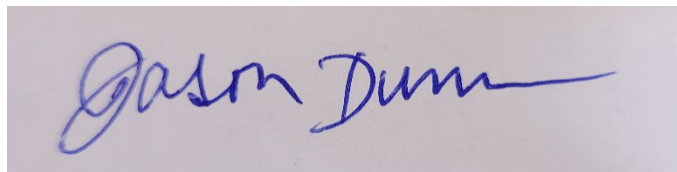
a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) (a) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$3,354.00 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has been affirmed.

DECISION:

The March 28, 2022 (reference 05) decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$3,354.00, which must be repaid.



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