

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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<b>PAMELA S BLUME</b> Claimant  <b>IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>APPEAL NO. 11A-UI-07780-AT</b>  <b>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION</b>   <b>OC: 02/28/10</b> <b>Claimant: Appellant (1)</b>

Section 96.4-4 – Second Benefit Year Earnings Requirement

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Pamela S. Blume filed an appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated March 30, 2010, reference 02, that denied state unemployment insurance benefits to her effective February 28, 2010, upon a finding that she had not earned and been paid insured wages of at least \$250.00 since the beginning of her previous benefit year on March 1, 2009. With the consent of the claimant, this case was heard on a consolidated record with appeals 11A-UI-07259-AT, 11A-UI-07260-AT, and 11A-UI-07781-AT on June 17, 2011. Ms. Blume participated. The record was held open through June 24, 2011, for the claimant to submit additional information. The administrative law judge takes official notice of Agency benefit payment records and wage records.

**ISSUE:**

Is the claimant eligible for state unemployment insurance benefits effective February 28, 2010?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Pamela S. Blume received unemployment insurance benefits during a benefit year that had begun on March 1, 2009. A new state claim was filed on her behalf effective February 28, 2010. Ms. Blume had not been employed since March 1, 2009.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code section 96.4-4 establishes an additional eligibility requirement for individuals who have received unemployment insurance benefits previously. The law requires that in addition to establishing regular monetary eligibility, an individual must establish continued attachment to the workforce. This is done by earning and being paid wages covered by some state's unemployment insurance system in the gross amount of \$250.00. Since Ms. Blume had not been employed since March 1, 2009, she was ineligible for state unemployment insurance benefits on a new benefit year as of February 28, 2010.

**DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 30, 2010, reference 02, is affirmed. The claimant was ineligible for state unemployment insurance benefits as of February 28, 2010.

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Dan Anderson  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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