IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

AARON L CREWSE Claimant

APPEAL 20A-UI-14413-JC-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

> OC: 03/15/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant/appellant, Aaron L. Crewse, filed an appeal from the October 27, 2020 (reference 04) lowa Workforce Development ("IWD") that unemployment insurance decision that concluded he was overpaid \$2,128.00 in unemployment insurance benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 11, 2021. The hearing was held together with Appeals 20A-UI-14580-JC-T, 20A-UI-14581-JC-T, and 20A-UI-14414-JC-T. The claimant participated personally.

The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative records. Department Exhibit D-1 and Claimant Exhibit A were admitted. Based on the evidence, the arguments presented, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Has the claimant been overpaid any unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having considered the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of March 15, 2020.

The claimant filed for and received a total of \$2,128.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between April 19, 2020 and June 13, 2020.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 20A-UI-14580-JC-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid benefits.

lowa Code section 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.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed, the claimant was overpaid \$2,128.00 in regular unemployment insurance benefits.

The claimant may have to repay the benefits received thus far, unless the claimant applies and is approved for PUA, as directed in the paragraph below.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated October 27, 2020, (reference 04), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$2,128.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits.

Note to Claimant: This decision denies benefits. If this decision becomes final or if you are not eligible for PUA, you may have an overpayment of benefits. If you disagree with this decision you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision. Individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits, but who are currently unemployed for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility under the program. Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information.

You may find additional information about food, housing, and other resources at <u>https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/</u> or at <u>https://dhs.iowa.gov/node/3250</u>

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