

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

ZACHORY K SCHICK
Claimant

APPEAL NO: 13A-UCX-00007-MT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 08/12/12
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available/Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from a February 19, 2013, reference 02, decision that found the claimant warned for benefits for the week ending February 16, 2013, because of inadequate in-person work search contacts. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on April 23, 2013, with the claimant participating. Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant made adequate work searches.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant's testimony that appropriate in-person work searches were made is credible. During the first week in which claimant filed a telephone claim, claimant did not think he needed to file a claim because he was a full-time student. Claimant was under the impression that he was approved for school and did not need to make job searches.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has established excuse for not making appropriate in-person work search contacts.

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".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that he should be excused for work search for the week ending February 16, 2013. Accordingly, the warning is removed.

DECISION:

The February 19, 2013, reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant had reasonable excuse for not making in-person work search contacts for the week ending February 16, 2013. The warning is removed.

Marlon Mormann
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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