

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

IAN R ANSON
Claimant

MENEFEE DRYWALL CO INC
Employer

APPEAL 15A-UI-06742-JCT
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION

OC: 11/16/14
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Ability to and Availability for Work
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.22(2) – Able & Available - Benefits Eligibility Conditions

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the June 8), 2015, (reference 05) unemployment insurance decision that the claimant was ineligible due to being in school and unavailable for work. After due notice was issued, a hearing was scheduled to be held on July 17,2015. Because the issue appealed was resolved administratively prior to the hearing in the appellant's favor (see the reference 06, representative's decision), no testimony was necessary and no hearing was held.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the representative's decision should be affirmed.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The decision appealed has been amended in favor of the appellant by the reference 06, representative's decision.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the representative's decision should be reversed.

Iowa Code § 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".

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.39 provides:

Department-approved training or retraining program. The intent of the department-approved training is to exempt the individual from the work search requirement for continued eligibility for benefits so individuals may pursue training that will upgrade necessary skills in order to return to the labor forces. In order to be eligible for department-approved training programs and to maintain continuing participation therein, the individual shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Any claimant for benefits who desires to receive benefits while attending school for training or retraining purposes shall make a written application to the department setting out the following:

- a. The educational establishment at which the claimant would receive training.
- b. The estimated time required for such training.
- c. The occupation which the training is allowing the claimant to maintain or pursue.

(2) A claimant may receive unemployment insurance while attending a training course approved by the department. While attending the approved training course, the claimant need not be available for work or actively seeking work. After completion of department-approved training the claimant must, in order to continue to be eligible for unemployment insurance, place no restriction on employability. The claimant must be able to work, available for work and be actively searching for work. In addition, the claimant may be subject to disqualification for any refusal of work without good cause after the claimant has completed the training.

(3) The claimant must show satisfactory attendance and progress in the training course and must demonstrate that such claimant has the necessary finances to complete the training to substantiate the expenditure of unemployment insurance funds.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code § 96.4(6).

The claimant's issue of availability has been resolved by the reference 06, decision, which allowed department approved training (DAT) benefits for the period the claimant was denied. Since the decision appealed has been amended in favor of the appellant, the original representative's decision bearing reference 05 is reversed.

DECISION:

The June 8, 2015, (reference 05) unemployment insurance decision is reversed. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Jennifer L. Coe
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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