

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**JULIET A JARMOSCO**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 20A-UI-11530-CL-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/08/20**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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Iowa Code § 96.29 – Extended Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On September 17, 2020, the claimant filed an appeal from the September 15, 2020, (reference 01), unemployment insurance decision that found claimant ineligible for extended unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled to be held on November 12, 2020. Claimant participated. Claimant's Exhibit A was received.

**ISSUES:**

Is the claimant eligible for extended benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a claim for regular unemployment insurance benefits in Iowa with an effective date of March 8, 2020. Initially, Iowa Workforce Development found claimant monetarily ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After calculating the claim using an alternate base period, Iowa Workforce Development found claimant was monetarily eligible. Claimant's monetary determination reflects wages as follows:

4 QTR 18	1 QTR 19	2 QTR 19	3 QTR 19
		6306.00	13908.00

Claimant exhausted regular unemployment insurance benefits during the week ending June 6, 2020. Claimant then began receiving Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). Claimant exhausted PEUC benefits during the one week ending September 5, 2020.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

After review the law and the facts, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is not eligible for extended benefits.

Iowa Code section 96.29(1)a-c provides:

Extended benefits.

Except when the result would be inconsistent with the other provisions of this chapter, as provided in rules of the department, the provisions of the law which apply to claims for or the payment of regular benefits shall apply to claims for, and the payment of, extended benefits.

1. Eligibility requirements for extended benefits. An individual is eligible to receive extended benefits with respect to a week of unemployment in the individual's eligibility period only if the department finds that all of the following conditions are met:

a. The individual is an "exhaustee" as defined in this chapter.

b. The individual has satisfied the requirements of this chapter for the receipt of regular benefits that are applicable to individuals claiming extended benefits, including not being subject to a disqualification for the receipt of benefits.

c. The individual has been paid wages for insured work during the individual's base period in an amount at least one and one-half times the wages paid to the individual during that quarter of the individual's base period in which the individual's wages were highest.

In this case, claimant is not eligible for extended benefits because she was not paid wages in her base period that equal one and one-half of the wages earned during her "high quarter." Here, claimant earned \$13,908.00 in her high quarter. Claimant would have had to earn a combined amount of \$6,954.00 in the other three quarters in her base period in order to be eligible for extended benefits. Unfortunately, claimant earned a little below that amount. Therefore, she is not eligible for extended benefits under Iowa law. However, claimant may be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance under the CARES Act and the administrative law judge encourages claimant to follow up on her application for those benefits.

**DECISION:**

The September 15, 2020, (reference 01), unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant is not currently eligible for state extended benefits.



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November 20, 2020  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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*Note to Claimant:* This decision determines you are not eligible for extended 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 extended 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>.