

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Appeal Number: 06A-UI-08038-DWT
OC: 07/02/06 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (1)

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Michelle J. Belaski (claimant) appealed a representative's August 7, 2006 decision (reference 08) that concluded she had been overpaid \$1,085.00 in benefits she received for the weeks ending July 8 through 29, 2006. The overpayment occurred as the result of a representative's August 4, 2006 decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving benefits as of July 2, 2006. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was scheduled on August 24, 2006. The claimant did not participate in the hearing. Based on the administrative record 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 benefits she received for the weeks ending July 8 through 29, 2006?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week of July 2, 2006. The claimant filed claims for the weeks ending July 8 through 29, 2006. The claimant received a total of \$1,085.00 in benefits for these weeks.

The claimant appealed the representative's decision that disqualified her from receiving benefits. This decision has been affirmed. See decision for appeal 06A-UI-08037-DWT.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

If an individual receives benefits she is not legally entitled to receive, the Department shall recover the benefits even if the individual acted in good faith and is not at fault in receiving the overpayment. Iowa Code § 96.3-7. Based on the decision for appeal 06A-UI-08037-DWT, the claimant is not legally entitled to receive benefits for the weeks ending July 8 through 29, 2006. The claimant has been overpaid \$1,085.00 in benefits she received for these weeks.

DECISION:

The representative's August 7, 2006 decision (reference 08) is affirmed. The claimant is not legally entitled to receive benefits for the weeks ending July 8 through 29, 2006. The claimant has been overpaid and must repay a total of \$1,085.00 in benefits she received for these weeks.

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