

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

LORI A SWEENEY
Claimant

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

APPEAL 15A-UI-01054-H2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

OC: 12/07/14
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Adequate Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the January 21, 2015, reference 02, decision. The decision warned that the claimant may be disqualified for future weeks in which benefits are claimed and fewer than two in-person job contacts are made, but did not deny benefits for that week. Claimant's appeal letter was sufficient to resolve the issue and no hearing was held.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the warning to make two or more in-person job contacts per week is appropriate.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of December 7, 2014. During the week ending January 17, 2014 the claimant did conduct at least two work searches. The claimant's information in her appeal letter that she was available for work the week of the claim is credible. During the filing of the claim for the week at issue, claimant pushed a button in error resulting in incorrect response data.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that claimant was available for work the week ending January 17, 2015. Accordingly, the warning was inappropriate.

DECISION:

The January 21, 2015, reference 02, decision is reversed. The decision, warning the claimant to conduct at least two in-person work searches during each week benefits are claimed, was inappropriate.

Teresa K. Hillary
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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