

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**MAHASSIN EIBA**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 20A-UI-12820-SN-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 09/20/20**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available/Work Search

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the October 9, 2020, (reference 03), unemployment insurance decision that warned claimant to make at least two work-search contacts per week but did not deny benefits for the week ending September 26, 2020. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled to be held on December 4, 2020. Claimant participated.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant make an adequate work search for the week ending September 26, 2020, and was the warning appropriate?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant claimed benefits for the week ending September 26, 2020. Claimant's entry of zero instead of two into Iowa Workforce Development's online work search platform for that week reflects that she did not make the required work searches for that week. Claimant was not actively searching for work that week because she had to take care of her two children when the school closed due to Covid19.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant did not make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending September 26, 2020.

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. 871-24.23(28) provides:

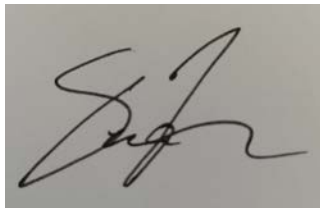
Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(28) A claimant will be ineligible for benefits because of failure to make an adequate work search after having been previously warned and instructed to expand the search for work effort.

The claimant acknowledges she did not make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending September 26, 2020. Accordingly, the warning was appropriate.

**DECISION:**

The October 9, 2020, (reference 03) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant did not make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending September 26, 2020. Therefore, the warning was appropriate.



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