

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**KATELYN SPAULDING**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 17A-UI-11036-H2T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 08/27/17**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

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

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Claimant filed an appeal from the October 24, 2017, (reference 05) decision that denied benefits for the one week period ending October 7, 2017. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on November 14, 2017. Claimant participated.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant make an active and earnest search for work?

**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 October 7, 2017. The claimant did make at least two work searches for that week but because she did not have any interviews with prospective employers she believed she had to answer no to the job search question when making her weekly claim for benefits.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made an active and earnest search for work.

Iowa Code section 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 an active and earnest search for work for the week ending October 7, 2017. Accordingly, benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

**DECISION:**

The October 24, 2017, (reference 05), decision is reversed. The claimant did make an active and earnest search for work for the week ending October 7, 2017. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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Teresa K. Hillary  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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