

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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JOHN C ANDERSON
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 20A-UI-09103-B2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK & CASIN
Employer

**OC: 03/29/20
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(26) – Part-Time Worker – Same Wages and Hours
Iowa Code § 96.4-3 – Able and Available
Iowa Code § 96.7(2)A(2) – Partial Benefits
Iowa Code § 96.19(38) – Total and Partial Unemployment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated July 23, 2020, reference 01, which held claimant not able and available for work. After due notice, a hearing was scheduled for and held on September 16, 2020. Claimant participated personally. Employer participated by Gina Vitiritto.

ISSUES:

Whether claimant is still employed at the same hours and wages?

Whether claimant is eligible to receive partial benefits?

Whether claimant is able and available for work?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant currently works for Prairie Meadows, a base period employer, under the same terms and conditions as contemplated in the original contract of hire. Claimant was laid off from Prairie Meadows from March 17, 2020 through June 14, 2020. Claimant was paid his normal wages during this layoff until May 2, 2020. Claimant filed his original claim in this matter on March 29, 2020, but found out shortly after filing that he was still being paid. Employer disputed claimant's filing as employer was still paying claimant. At all relevant times, claimant was able and available for work.

Once employer stopped paying claimant, claimant began filing weekly claims. Employer does not dispute that claimant is entitled to benefits from May 3, 2020 through June 14, 2020.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was temporarily unemployed for the period between May 3, 2020 and June 14, 2020.

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".

Iowa Code section 96.19(38) provides:

"Total and partial unemployment".

a. An individual shall be deemed "totally unemployed" in any week with respect to which no wages are payable to the individual and during which the individual performs no services.

b. An individual shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week in which either of the following apply:

(1) While employed at the individual's then regular job, the individual works less than the regular full-time week and in which the individual earns less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.

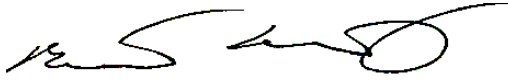
(2) The individual, having been separated from the individual's regular job, earns at odd jobs less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.

c. An individual shall be deemed temporarily unemployed if for a period, verified by the department, not to exceed four consecutive weeks, the individual is unemployed due to a plant shutdown, vacation, inventory, lack of work or emergency from the individual's regular job or trade in which the individual worked full-time and will again work full-time, if the individual's employment, although temporarily suspended, has not been terminated.

The claimant was totally unemployed for the period between May 3-June 14, 2020. Benefits are allowed for that period.

DECISION:

The July 23, 2020, reference 01, decision is reversed. The claimant was unemployed for the period between May 3-June 14, 2020. Benefits are allowed for this period, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.



Blair A. Bennett
Administrative Law Judge

September 18, 2020
Decision Dated and Mailed

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