

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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KERI A KULA
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 15A-UI-02419-S2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 06/29/14
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.4-3 – Adequate Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Keri Kula (claimant) appealed a representative's February 17, 2015, decision (reference 02) that concluded she had made fewer than the required two in-person job contacts and that a warning should be issued. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on March 26, 2015. The claimant participated personally.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is actively and earnestly seeking work.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits on June 29, 2014, and reopened her claim on February 8, 2015. For the week ending February 14, 2015, the claimant reported that she did not make two in-person contacts. She went to Cost Cutter to apply for work and they told her to make her application on line. She did so. She applied in person at Great Clips. She did make two applications for the week ending February 14, 2015, but thought the on line application would not count as an in-person contact and she wanted to be honest when reporting her job search. The claimant's testimony that appropriate work searches were made is credible.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is actively and earnestly seeking work.

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 appropriate in-person work search contacts were made for the week ending February 14, 2015. Accordingly, the warning shall be rescinded.

DECISION:

The representative's February 17, 2015, decision (reference 02) is reversed. The warning shall be rescinded.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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