

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

68-0157 (9-06) - 3091078 - EI

MELISSA L PEFFER
Claimant

APPEAL NO: 14A-UI-10228-DT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 08/24/14

Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Melissa L. Peffer (claimant) appealed a representative's September 29, 2014 decision (reference 02) that concluded she had been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on October 23, 2014. This appeal was consolidated for hearing with one related appeal, 14A-UI-10227-DT. The claimant participated in the hearing. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision reversing the representative's decision.

ISSUE:

Was the claimant overpaid unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A representative issued a decision dated September 26, 2014 (reference 01) that concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits because of not being able and available for work. The claimant timely appealed that decision and in the concurrently issued decision in appeal 14A-UI-10227-DT, that decision has been reversed.

The overpayment decision was issued in this case as a result of the September 26, 2014 (reference 01) disqualification decision.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$576.

The unemployment insurance law provides that benefits must be recovered from a claimant who receives benefits and is later determined to be ineligible for benefits, even though the claimant acted in good faith and was not otherwise at fault. Iowa Code § 96.3-7. In this case, the claimant received benefits for which she subsequently was deemed ineligible in the representative's decision issued on September 26, 2014. The disqualification from that decision

has been reversed in the concurrently issued decision in 14A-UI-10227-DT. Therefore, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant was not overpaid benefits.

DECISION:

The representative's September 29, 2014 decision (reference 02) is reversed. The claimant is not overpaid benefits.

Lynette A. F. Donner
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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