

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319
DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI**

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**Appeal Number: 05A-UI-11164-AT
OC: 10-02-05 R: 03
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
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3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 – Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated October 25, 2005, reference 01, which imposed a warning upon a finding that the claimant had failed to make in-person job contacts for the week ending October 22, 2005. After a review of the information in the claimant's appeal letter and Agency benefit payment records, the administrative law judge concludes that no additional testimony is necessary.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having examined all matters of record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a claim for benefits effective October 2, 2005. The claimant was authorized by the Agency to

seek work through his union hall. The Agency miscoded the claim for benefits to indicate that the claimant must make the work search in person.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether the warning should be removed from the claimant's record.

Iowa Code section 96.4-3 establishes a general rule that all claimants must make an active work search each week that they request benefits. The Agency ordinarily interprets this to require a minimum of two in-person job contacts. Some individuals, based upon their occupation, are allowed to conduct their work search through their union. The evidence in this record persuades the administrative law judge that this claimant is such a person. Since the claimant made an active work search through his union during the week in question, the warning shall be removed.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated October 25, 2005, reference 01, is reversed. The warning is removed from the claimant's record.

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