

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

CLAUDIA D LOGWOOD
Claimant

APPEAL 15A-UI-02245-GT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 01/04/15
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e – Notice to Report
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23(11) – Failure to Report

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the February 17, 2015, (reference 02) decision that denied benefits because of a failure to report as directed. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on March 23, 2015. Claimant participated.

ISSUE:

Did the claimant fail to report as directed or offer a good cause reason for failure to do so?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having examined the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: On January 30, 2015, a notice was mailed to the claimant to respond in writing about her availability for work by February 13, 2015. The claimant failed to respond by that date, and she was denied benefits at that time. Claimant did not respond as directed because she had a baby the week the before notice was sent, and she did not have time to go out and buy stamps and envelopes.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has not established a good cause reason for having failed to report as directed.

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".

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

The claimant's reasons for not responding by February 13, 2015 were not reasonable. Since claimant has not established a good cause reason for failing to report as directed, benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The February 17, 2015, (reference 02) decision is affirmed. The claimant has not established a good cause reason for failing to report as directed. Benefits are denied effective February 8, 2015 until such time as she has established her ability to work with the Department.

Duane L. Golden
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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