

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

CHRISTOPHER L WILLIS
Claimant

APPEAL 18A-UI-12175-DB-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 11/04/18
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant/appellant filed an appeal from the December 18, 2018 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid benefits in the amount of \$1,868.00 for four weeks between November 11, 2018 and December 8, 2018. The claimant was properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on January 8, 2019. The claimant participated personally, along with witness Wayne Feldhacker. The administrative law judge took administrative notice of the claimant's unemployment insurance benefits records.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The claimant received benefits in the amount of \$1,868.00 for four weeks between November 11, 2018 and December 8, 2018. The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision that has been modified in favor of the claimant/appellant.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes as follows:

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from

any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

b. (1) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding § 96.8, subsection 5.

The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits of \$1,868.00 for four weeks between November 11, 2018 and December 8, 2018 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7), as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has been modified in favor of the claimant/appellant.

DECISION:

The December 18, 2018 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision is reversed. The claimant has not been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits of \$1,868.00 for four weeks between November 11, 2018 and December 8, 2018, as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment has been modified in favor of the claimant.

Dawn Boucher
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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