

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

CHARLES B WRIGHT
Claimant

APPEAL 15A-UI-13261-DGT

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 01/04/15
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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 November 23, 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 December 18, 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 or about November 2, 2015, a notice was mailed to the claimant to report to IWD on or about November 12, 2015 about his availability for work the week ending October 31, 2015. The claimant filed a weekly voice response claim and mistakenly pushed the button indicating he was not available for work. Claimant did conduct two work searches for the week.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has 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 § 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in § 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 § 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under § 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 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.

Since claimant has established a good-cause reason for failing to report as directed, benefits are allowed.

DECISION:

The November 23, 2015, (reference 02) decision is reversed. The claimant has established a good-cause reason for failing to report as directed. Benefits are allowed effective November 15, 2015, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Duane L. Golden
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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