

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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MELISSA C GENTZ
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 09A-UI-06655-S2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 02/15/09
Claimant: Appellant (2)

Section 96.4-3 – Adequate Work Search

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Melissa Gentz (claimant) appealed a representative's April 21, 2009, decision (reference 01) that concluded she had made fewer than the required two in-person job contacts and that a warning should be issued. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on May 27, 2009. The claimant participated personally.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is actively and earnestly seeking work.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant filed for unemployment insurance benefits on February 15, 2009. For the week ending April 18, 2009, the claimant made at least two in-person contacts.

The claimant's testimony that appropriate in-person work searches were made is credible. She pushed a button in error resulting in incorrect internet response data.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is actively and earnestly seeking work.

Iowa Code section 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".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that appropriate in-person work search contacts were made for the week ending April 18, 2009. Accordingly, the warning shall be rescinded.

DECISION:

The representative's April 21, 2009 decision (reference 01) is reversed. The warning shall be rescinded.

Beth A. Scheetz
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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