

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**BRANDON R COBB**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 09A-UI-11443-DWT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 03/08/09**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

871 IAC 24.2(1) e – Failure to Report as Directed

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Brandon R. Cobb (claimant) appealed a representative's July 31, 2009 decision (reference 02) that concluded he was ineligible to receive benefits as of July 26, 2009, because he did not report to his local Workforce office as directed. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on August 26, 2009. The claimant participated in the hearing. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

**ISSUE:**

Did the claimant report to his local Workforce office as directed?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The claimant established a claim for benefits during the week of March 8, 2009. The record does not indicate when a notice was mailed to the claimant informing him he was to report to his local Workforce office or that he received this notice. After the claimant received the July 31 decision that held him ineligible as of July 26, he went to his local Workforce office on Friday, August 7, or the same week that he received the decision. The claimant does not remember if received any notice before he received the July 31 decision.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Each week a claimant files a claim for benefits, he must be able to and available for work. Iowa Code section 96.4-3. To maintain continued eligibility, a claimant shall report as directed by an authorized representative. 871 IAC 24.2(1) e. A claimant's failure to report as directed without justifiable cause shall make a claimant ineligible to receive benefits until he reports as a representative has directed him to do. Justifiable cause is defined as an important and significant reason that a reasonable person would consider adequate. 871 IAC 24.2(1) e.

The evidence does not establish the claimant received notification he was to go to his local Workforce office during the week of July 20, 2009. Since the claimant went to his local Workforce office after he received information that he was required to do, the claimant cannot be held ineligible to receive benefits as of July 26, 2009.

**DECISION:**

The representative's July 31, 2009 decision (reference 02) is reversed. The evidence does not establish the claimant received information that he was required to go to his local Workforce office during the week of July 20, 2009. Therefore, as of July 26, 2009, the claimant remains eligible to receive benefits.

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Debra L. Wise  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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