

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION
2019-EAB-0549

Late Application for Review Allowed
Order No. 18-UI-111519 Reversed and Remanded

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FINDINGS OF FACT: On August 2, 2017, claimant filed an initial claim for benefits, and filed weekly claims for benefits until February 5, 2018. On April 4, 2018, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant quit working for the employer without good cause on November 14, 2017, and was overpaid \$6,456 in benefits that he must repay the Department (decision # 90820). On April 24, 2018, decision # 90820 became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On June 7, 2018, claimant filed a late request for hearing. On June 18, 2018, ALJ Kangas issued Order No. 18-UI-111519, dismissing claimant's request for hearing as late without a showing of good cause, subject to claimant's right to renew his request by filing a response to an appellant questionnaire by July 2, 2018. Claimant never received Order No. 18-UI-111519, which therefore became final on July 9, 2018 without claimant having filed a response to the appellant questionnaire or an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On May 9, 2019, filed and initial claim for benefits, and on May 13, 2019 began filing weekly claims for benefits. On June 12, 2019, claimant became aware that he was not being paid benefits due to an overpayment, and contacted the Department.¹ Claimant first became aware of Order No. 18-UI-111519 on June 12, 2019 and filed a late application for review the same day.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant's late application for review of Order No. 18-UI-111519 is allowed. Order No. 18-UI-111519 is reversed, and this matter remanded for a hearing on whether claimant's late request for hearing on decision # 90820 should be allowed and, if so, the merits of that decision.

Late Application for Review. An application for review is timely if it is filed within 20 days of the date that OAH mailed the decision for which review is sought. ORS 657.270(6); OAR 471-041-0070(1) (May 13, 2019). The 20 day filing period may be extended a "reasonable time" upon a showing of "good

¹ EAB has taken notice of this fact, which is contained in Employment Department records. OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). A copy of the information has been provided to the parties with this decision. Any party that objects to our taking notice of this information must submit such objection to this office in writing, setting forth the basis of the objection in writing, within ten days of our mailing this decision. OAR 471-041-0090(2). Unless such objection is received and sustained, the noticed fact will remain in the record.

cause.” ORS 657.875; OAR 471-041-0070(2). “Good cause” means that factors or circumstances beyond the applicant’s reasonable control prevented timely filing. OAR 471-041-0070(2)(a). A “reasonable time” is seven days after the circumstances that prevented the timely filing ceased to exist. OAR 471-041-0070(2)(b). A late application for review will be dismissed unless it includes a written statement describing the circumstances that prevented a timely filing. OAR 471-041-0070(3).

In his June 12th application for review of Order No. 18-UI-111519, claimant stated that he “did not receive any information on this case being dismissed.” We infer from that statement and the noticed information contained in Department records that claimant never received Order No. 18-UI-111519, and likely did not become aware of the order until on or shortly before June 12, 2019. Circumstances beyond claimant’s reasonable control therefore prevented him from filing a timely application for review, and claimant likely filed his application for review within seven days after those circumstances ceased to exist. Claimant therefore established good cause to extend the filing deadline to June 12, 2019, and his late application for review of Order No. 18-UI-111519 is allowed.

Late Request for Hearing. ORS 657.269 provides that the Department’s decisions become final unless a party files a request for hearing within 20 days after the date the decision is mailed. ORS 657.875 provides that the 20-day deadline may be extended a “reasonable time” upon a showing of “good cause.” OAR 471-040-0010 (February 10, 2012) provides that “good cause” includes factors beyond an applicant’s reasonable control or an excusable mistake, and defines “reasonable time” as seven days after those factors ceased to exist.

Because claimant never received Order No. 18-UI-111519, he did not have an opportunity to respond to the appellant questionnaire, or therefore a meaningful opportunity to be heard on whether his late request for hearing on decision # 90820 should be allowed. Order No. 18-UI-111519 therefore is reversed, and this matter remanded for a hearing on whether claimant’s late request for hearing should be allowed and, if so, the merits of decision # 90820.

DECISION: The application for review filed June 12, 2019 is allowed. Order No. 18-UI-111519 is set aside, and this matter remanded for further proceedings consistent with this order.

J. S. Cromwell and D. P. Hettle;
S. Alba, not participating.

DATE of Service: June 24, 2019

NOTE: The failure of any party to appear at the hearing on remand will not reinstate Order No. 18-UI-111519 or return this matter to EAB. Only a timely application for review of the subsequent order will cause this matter to return to EAB.

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Simplified Chinese

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Traditional Chinese

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Tagalog

Paalala – Nakakaapekto ang desisyong ito sa iyong mga benepisyo sa pagkawala ng trabaho. Kung hindi mo naiintindihan ang desisyong ito, makipag-ugnayan kaagad sa Lupon ng mga Apela sa Trabaho (Employment Appeals Board). Kung hindi ka sumasang-ayon sa desisyong ito, maaari kang maghain ng isang Petisyon sa Pagsusuri ng Hukuman (Petition for Judicial Review) sa Hukuman sa Paghahabol (Court of Appeals) ng Oregon na sinusunod ang mga tagubilin na nakasulat sa dulo ng desisyon.

Vietnamese

Chú ý - Quyết định này ảnh hưởng đến trợ cấp thất nghiệp của quý vị. Nếu quý vị không hiểu quyết định này, hãy liên lạc với Ban Kháng Cáo Việc Làm ngay lập tức. Nếu quý vị không đồng ý với quyết định này, quý vị có thể nộp Đơn Xin Tái Xét Tư Pháp với Tòa Kháng Cáo Oregon theo các hướng dẫn được viết ra ở cuối quyết định này.

Spanish

Atención – Esta decisión afecta sus beneficios de desempleo. Si no entiende esta decisión, comuníquese inmediatamente con la Junta de Apelaciones de Asuntos Laborales. Si no está de acuerdo con esta decisión, puede presentar una Petición de Revisión Judicial ante el Tribunal de Apelaciones de Oregon siguiendo las instrucciones escritas al final de la decisión.

Russian

Внимание – Данное решение влияет на ваше пособие по безработице. Если решение Вам непонятно – немедленно обратитесь в Апелляционный Комитет по Трудоустройству. Если Вы не согласны с принятым решением, вы можете подать Ходатайство о Пересмотре Судебного Решения в Апелляционный Суд штата Орегон, следуя инструкциям, описанным в конце решения.

Khmer

ចំណុចសំខាន់ – សេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះមានផលប៉ះពាល់ដល់អត្ថប្រយោជន៍គ្មានការងារធ្វើរបស់លោកអ្នក។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិនយល់អំពីសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ សូមទាក់ទងគណៈកម្មការឧទ្ធរណ៍ការងារភ្លាមៗ។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិនយល់ស្របចំពោះសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះទេ លោកអ្នកអាចដាក់ពាក្យប្តឹងសុំឲ្យមានការពិនិត្យរឿងក្តីឡើងវិញជាមួយតុលាការឧទ្ធរណ៍រដ្ឋ Oregon ដោយអនុវត្តតាមសេចក្តីណែនាំដែលសរសេរនៅខាងចុងបញ្ចប់នៃសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ។

Laotian

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Arabic

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Farsi

توجه - این حکم بر مزایای بیکاری شما تاثیر می گذارد. اگر با این تصمیم موافق نیستید، بلافاصله با هیأت فرجام خواهی استخدام تماس بگیرید. اگر از این حکم رضایت ندارید، می‌توانید با استفاده از دستور العمل موجود در پایان آن، از دادگاه تجدید نظر اورگان درخواست تجدید نظر کنید.

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