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<p>EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2020-EAB-0513</p>
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Order No. 20-UI-147258 Affirmed – Late Request for Hearing Dismissed
Order No. 20-UI-147259 Affirmed – Repay \$569.99 Overpayment

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On October 8, 2019, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant was not eligible for TRA benefits because he ceased participation in his training program without justifiable cause on June 24, 2019 (decision # 121607). On October 28, 2019, decision # 121607 became final without claimant having filed a timely request for hearing.

On February 10, 2020, the Department issued notice of another administrative decision, based on decision # 121607, concluding that the Department overpaid \$569.99 in TAA benefits on claimant's behalf, and that claimant was required to repay that amount to the Department (decision # 130114). On March 2, 2020, claimant filed a late request for hearing on decision # 121607 and a timely request for hearing on decision # 130114.

On March 26, 2020, ALJ Frank conducted a consolidated hearing. On April 1, 2020, the ALJ issued Order No. 20-UI-147258, dismissing claimant's late request for hearing on decision # 121607, and Order No. 20-UI-147259, affirming decision # 130114. On April 15, 2020, claimant filed timely applications for review of both orders with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB), which were received on July 8, 2020.

Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (October 29, 2006), EAB consolidated its review of Orders No. 20-UI-147258 and 20-UI-147259. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2020-EAB-0512 and 2020-EAB-0513).

EAB considered claimant's written argument when reaching this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT: (1) On July 31, 2018, claimant filed an initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits.

(2) On December 17, 2018, the Department approved claimant to participate in the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program and to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, which included payment by the Department for claimant's costs to obtain a procurement management certificate from Chemeketa Community College.

(3) Claimant enrolled in a Summer 2019 class at Chemeketa Community College. The Department paid, on claimant's behalf, \$569.99 so he could attend the class, including \$364.00 for tuition, \$38.99 for books, and \$167.00 for fees. Claimant did not attend the class the Department had paid for him to attend.

(4) On June 24, 2019, claimant ceased participating in his TAA program approved training.

(5) On October 8, 2019, the Department issued notice of decision # 121607 and mailed it to claimant's address of record with the Department. Claimant did not receive decision # 121607.

(6) In mid-October 2019, claimant spoke with a Department employee who functioned as claimant's TAA program counselor. The counselor told claimant that his participation in the TAA program was being terminated.

(7) By mid-February 2020, claimant received notice of decision # 130114 in the mail. Decision # 130114 stated, "Claimant was mailed a training termination decision on October 8, 2019, removing the claimant from TAA approved training effective June 24, 2019 because claimant ceased participation."

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant's late request for hearing is dismissed; claimant is liable to repay \$569.99 to the Department.

Late request for hearing on decision # 121607. 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.

Although claimant did not recall receiving notice of decision # 121607 in the mail, he received verbal notice of that decision during a mid-October 2019 call with his TAA program counselor, in which the counselor told claimant that his TAA program benefits were being terminated. Claimant nevertheless did not request a hearing at that time. A mid-October 2019 request for hearing would, more likely than not, have been timely. Claimant therefore did not establish good cause to extend the filing period.

Even if he had not had notice of decision # 121607 in mid-October 2019, claimant received an additional notice of that decision through his receipt of decision # 130114 in the mail, because decision # 130114 specifically referenced it. The circumstances that prevented claimant's timely filing on decision # 121607 therefore would have ceased upon his receipt of decision # 130114. Decision # 130114 was mailed to claimant on Monday, February 10, 2020, and it was likely delivered to him by the U.S. Postal Service within one to three business days of that date, by approximately Thursday, February

13, 2020.¹ Claimant therefore would have had to file his late request for hearing within the seven-day “reasonable time” period, or by February 20th. However, claimant did not file his late request for hearing on decision # 121607 until eleven days later, on March 2, 2020. Claimant therefore did not meet the “reasonable time” requirement.

Because claimant did not show good cause for the late request for hearing on decision # 121607, and, even if he had, did not meet the seven-day “reasonable time” requirement, claimant’s late request for hearing on decision # 121607 must be dismissed.

Decision # 121607, terminating claimant’s enrollment in the TAA program, remains undisturbed.

Overpayment. Individuals who were initially approved to participate in the TAA program, but ceased participating in the program and received benefits they were not entitled to, are liable to repay the overpaid benefits to the Department. *See* 20 C.F.R. § 617.55(a)(1).

In this case, the Department paid \$569.99 on claimant’s behalf to Chemeketa Community College to support claimant’s enrollment in approved training that he did not ultimately take. Because claimant did not attend the training the Department paid for, the \$569.99 was overpaid on claimant’s behalf, and claimant is liable to repay it to the Department.

Conclusion. Claimant’s late request for hearing on decision # 121607 is dismissed, and claimant is required to repay \$569.99 to the Department.

DECISION: Order Nos. 20-UI-147258 and 20-UI-147259 are affirmed.

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

DATE of Service: July 9, 2020

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Simplified Chinese

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Traditional Chinese

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Tagalog

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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

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Russian

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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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