

**EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION**  
**2021-EAB-0105**

*Affirmed*  
*Late Request for Hearing Dismissed*

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On November 17, 2020, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of a Wage and Potential Benefit Report (WPBR) concluding that if claimant otherwise qualified for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), claimant's weekly benefit amount was \$515 and their maximum benefit amount was \$6,695. On November 27, 2020, the November 17, 2020 WPBR became final without claimant having filed a timely request for hearing.

On December 17, 2020, claimant filed a late request for hearing on the November 17, 2020 WPBR. ALJ Kangas reviewed claimant's hearing request, and on December 31, 2020 issued Order No. 20-UI-158464, dismissing claimant's request for hearing as late without a showing of good cause, subject to claimant's right to renew the request by responding to an appellant questionnaire by January 14, 2021. On January 20, 2021, claimant filed a late response to the appellant questionnaire and a timely application for review of Order No. 20-UI-158464 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On February 1, 2021, ALJ Kangas mailed a letter to claimant stating that because claimant's response to the questionnaire was late, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) would not consider it or issue another order, and that Order No. 20-UI-158464 remained in effect. This matter is before EAB based upon claimant's timely application for review of Order No. 20-UI-158464.

**EVIDENTIARY MATTER:** EAB has considered additional evidence when reaching this decision under OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). The additional evidence consists of claimant's response to the appellant questionnaire, and has been marked as EAB Exhibit 1, and a copy provided to the parties with this decision. Any party that objects to our admitting EAB Exhibit 1 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 exhibit will remain in the record.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:** (1) On November 17, 2020, the Department mailed an administrative decision, a Wage and Potential Benefit Report (WPBR) filed on November 16, 2020, to claimant's address on file with the Department. Claimant received the decision shortly after it was mailed. The WPBR stated, in relevant part, "This report becomes final unless you request redetermination of the report or request a

hearing within 10 days of the date mailed or delivered . . . The time limit for requesting a hearing may be extended for good cause.” Exhibit 1.

(2) On December 17, 2020 claimant faxed what the Department construed as a request for hearing on the November 16, 2020 WPBR. Exhibit 2.

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant’s late request for hearing on the November 17, 2020 WPBR is dismissed.

ORS 657.266 provides that the Department’s initial determination of eligibility and amount of benefits becomes final unless a party files a request for redetermination or hearing within 10 days after the date the decision is mailed. ORS 657.875 provides that the 10-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.

The Department mailed the November 16, 2020 WPBR to claimant at their address of record on November 17, 2020. The 10-day deadline for claimant to file a timely request for redetermination or hearing on that administrative decision was November 27, 2020. Claimant did not file what the Department construed as a request for hearing on the WPBR until December 17, 2020. Accordingly, the request for hearing was late.

Claimant did not establish that factors beyond their reasonable control prevented them from filing a timely hearing request on the November 16, 2020 WPBR. Claimant’s December 17, 2020 communication to the Department about the WPBR does not appear to request a hearing or redetermination, but only requests that claimant receive the PEUC benefits the report indicates are payable to claimant if claimant is otherwise qualified to receive them. Exhibit 2. In their response to the appellant questionnaire, claimant only describes circumstances surrounding a work separation adjudicated in a November 16, 2020 administrative decision (decision # 112408).<sup>1</sup> EAB Exhibit 1. Claimant does not refer at all to the November 16, 2020 WPBR. Accordingly, to the extent claimant’s December 17, 2020 communication to the Department constituted a late request for hearing, claimant did not assert or show that the hearing request was filed late due to circumstances beyond claimant’s reasonable control.

To any extent claimant’s failure to file a timely hearing request was the result of a mistake on claimant’s part, it was not an “excusable mistake” within the meaning of the administrative rules. The record does not, for example, raise a due process issue, and fails to show that any mistake was the result of inadequate notice, reasonable reliance on another, or the inability to follow directions despite substantial efforts to comply.

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<sup>1</sup> It appears as though on December 1, 2020, claimant filed a timely request for hearing on decision # 112408 with OAH, but OAH has not yet scheduled a hearing. EAB has taken notice of this fact, which is contained in Employment Department records. OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). 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.

Because claimant failed to show that factors beyond their reasonable control or an excusable mistake prevented them from filing a hearing request by the November 27, 2020 deadline, claimant failed to establish good cause to extend the filing deadline for a hearing request beyond that date. Accordingly, claimant's late request for hearing is dismissed, leaving the November 16, 2020 Wage and Potential Benefit Report undisturbed.

**DECISION:** Order No. 20-UI-158464 is affirmed.

S. Alba and D. P. Hettle.

**DATE of Service:** February 22, 2021

**NOTE:** You may appeal this decision by filing a Petition for Judicial Review with the Oregon Court of Appeals within 30 days of the date of service listed above. *See* ORS 657.282. For forms and information, you may write to the Oregon Court of Appeals, Records Section, 1163 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310 or visit the Court of Appeals website at [courts.oregon.gov](http://courts.oregon.gov). Once on the website, use the 'search' function to search for 'petition for judicial review employment appeals board'. A link to the forms and information will be among the search results.

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## English

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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 desisyong ito.

## 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 Empleo. Si no está de acuerdo con esta decisión, puede presentar una Aplicación 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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