

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION
2021-EAB-0203

Affirmed
Late Request for Hearing Dismissed

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On January 15, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served a Notice of Determination for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) concluding that claimant was not entitled to receive PUA benefits. On February 4, 2021, the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On February 17, 2021, claimant filed a late request for hearing. On March 2, 2021, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) served notice of a hearing scheduled for March 16, 2021 to consider claimant's late request for hearing and, if allowed, the merits of the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision. On March 16, 2021, ALJ Frank conducted the hearing and, on March 18, 2021 issued Order No. 21-UI-162971 dismissing claimant's request for hearing as late without good cause. On March 22, 2021, claimant filed an application for review of Order No. 21-UI-162971 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

WRITTEN ARGUMENT: Claimant's argument contained information that was not part of the hearing record, and did not show that factors or circumstances beyond claimant's reasonable control prevented him from offering the information during the hearing. Under ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090 (May 13, 2019), EAB considered only information received into evidence at the hearing when reaching this decision. EAB considered claimant's argument to the extent it was based on the record.

FINDINGS OF FACT: (1) On January 15, 2021, the Department mailed the Notice of Determination for PUA decision to claimant's address of record on file with the department. The decision stated, in relevant part, "You have the right to appeal this decision if you do not believe it is correct. Your request for appeal must be received by February 4, 2021."

(2) Claimant received the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision shortly after it was mailed. Claimant read the portion of the decision relating to his right to appeal the decision and the February 4, 2021 deadline to file a timely appeal.

(3) On January 27, 2021, claimant contacted the Department via a "contact us" "smart sheet" available on the Department's website to advise the Department about a self-employment job opportunity that he

had and that had fallen through. Audio Record at 10:20. The “contact us” smart sheet had a feature that claimant could have used to file an appeal. Claimant did not use the “contact us” smart sheet to request a hearing for the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision.

(4) On February 17, 2021, claimant used the “contact us” smart sheet to file a late request for hearing for the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant’s late request for hearing on the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision is dismissed.

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.

The Department mailed the Notice of Determination for PUA decision to claimant at his address of record on January 15, 2021. The 20-day deadline for claimant to file a timely request for hearing was February 4, 2021. Claimant did not file his request for hearing until February 17, 2021. Accordingly, claimant’s hearing request was late.

Claimant did not establish that factors beyond his reasonable control prevented him from filing a timely hearing request. Claimant received the Notice of Determination for PUA decision shortly after it was mailed on January 15, 2021. Claimant read the portion of the decision that advised claimant of his right to appeal and the February 4, 2021 deadline for doing so. Claimant could have used the Department’s “contact us” smart sheet to timely request a hearing on the decision on January 27, 2021, but claimant failed to do so. The record does not show that it was beyond claimant’s reasonable control to contact the Department and request a hearing on the Notice of Determination for PUA decision before the February 4, 2021 deadline.

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.

Because claimant failed to show that factors beyond his reasonable control or an excusable mistake prevented him from filing a hearing request by the February 4, 2021 deadline, claimant failed to establish good cause to extend the filing deadline beyond that date. Accordingly, claimant’s late request for hearing on the January 15, 2021 Notice of Determination for PUA decision is dismissed.

DECISION: Order No. 21-UI-162971 is affirmed.

S. Alba and D. P. Hettle.

DATE of Service: March 31, 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. 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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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 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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