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EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2021-EAB-0543

Affirmed Ineligible for PEUC Benefits Weeks 45-20 to 25-21

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On April 27, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant is not eligible for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits for the weeks of November 1, 2020 through November 7, 2020, and December 27, 2020 through April 24, 2021 (decision # 152206).¹ Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On June 30, 2021, ALJ Janzen conducted a hearing, and on July 1, 2021 issued Order No. 21-UI-169666, modifying decision # 152206 by concluding that claimant is not eligible for PEUC benefits from November 1, 2020 through June 26, 2021. On July 6, 2021, claimant filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

EVIDENTIARY MATTER: At hearing, the ALJ identified and admitted a nine-page document from claimant as Exhibit 1. Audio Record at 3:50 to 6:05. However, Order No. 21-UI-169666 incorrectly states that no exhibits were offered or admitted into evidence at the hearing. Because claimant's nine-page documentary submission was properly marked and admitted into evidence, EAB has considered the documents when reaching this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT: (1) On March 13, 2020, claimant filed an initial claim for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in Oregon. On November 7, 2020, claimant exhausted his claim for regular benefits in Oregon.

(2) Claimant also claimed PEUC benefits in Oregon for the weeks of November 1, 2020, through June 26, 2021 (weeks 45-20 through 25-21), the weeks at issue.

(3) On December 14, 2020, the Department contacted claimant to advise him of his eligibility for combined wage regular UI benefits in Alaska. Claimant subsequently filed a claim for combined wage regular UI benefits in Alaska.

¹ The administrative decision stated, "Benefits were claimed for the period November 1, 2020 through November 7, 2020 and for the period of *December 27, 2021* through April 24, 2021." Decision # 152206 at 1. (Emphasis added). The reference to "December 27, 2021" is assumed to be a typographical error.

(4) Alaska paid claimant on his combined wage regular UI benefit claims for the week ending January 16, 2021 through the week ending March 20, 2021, at which point claimant exhausted his combined wage regular UI benefits in Alaska.

(5) Oregon paid claimant PEUC benefits for the weeks of March 21, 2021 through May 8, 2021 (weeks 12-21 through 18-21), and denied PEUC benefits for the weeks of November 1, 2020 through March 20, 2021 (weeks 45-20 through 11-21) and May 9, 2021 through June 26, 2021 (weeks 19-21 through 25-21).

(6) Claimant has never filed a claim for PEUC benefits in Alaska.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant is not eligible for PEUC benefits for weeks 45-20 through 25-21 in Oregon.

Title II, Subtitle A, Section 2107 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, Public Law (Pub. L.) 116-136 provides, in relevant part:

(a) Federal-State Agreements.—

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(2) Provisions of agreement.--Any agreement under paragraph (1) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation to individuals who—

(A) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before July 1, 2019); [and]

(B) have no rights to regular compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law[.]

Eligibility for PEUC benefits under the CARES Act is available to individuals who have exhausted their eligibility for regular UI compensation in Oregon and do not have eligibility for regular UI compensation in any other state. The preponderance of the evidence shows that after claimant exhausted his regular UI benefits in Oregon, he was eligible for, applied for, and received combined wage regular UI benefits in Alaska through the week ending March 20, 2021 (week 11-21). Claimant's eligibility for regular UI benefits in Alaska during weeks 45-20 through 11-21 made him ineligible for PEUC benefits from Oregon during those weeks.

While claimant's exhaustion of regular UI benefits in Alaska as of March 20, 2021 may have made him eligible for PEUC benefits as of that date, federal law required him to make his claim for PEUC benefits in Alaska because Alaska was the location where claimant had most recently exhausted his entitlement to regular UI benefits and was the "paying state" for purposes of claimant's combined wage benefits claim. *See* U.S. Dep't of Labor, Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 17-20, Attachment I

(April 10, 2020), at I-2. Therefore, claimant was required to pursue his PEUC claim in Alaska, because Alaska was the "Applicable State" for PEUC claim filing purposes. *See* U.S. Dep't of Labor, Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 17-20, Attachment I (April 10, 2020), at I-2. For the foregoing reasons, claimant is not eligible for PEUC benefits in Oregon for weeks 45-20 through 25-21.

DECISION: Order No. 21-UI-169666 is affirmed.

S. Alba and D. Hettle; A. Steger-Bentz, not participating.

DATE of Service: August 10, 2021

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Vietnamese

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Spanish

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Khmer

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Laotian

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Arabic

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Farsi

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