

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION
2021-EAB-1055-R

Request for Reconsideration Allowed
2021-EAB-1055 Adhered to on Reconsideration
Late Application for Review Dismissed

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FINDINGS OF FACT: On December 28, 2020, 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 effective February 2, 2020. Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On February 16, 2021, ALJ M. Davis conducted a hearing, and on February 19, 2021, issued Order No. 21-UI-161280, modifying the December 28, 2020 administrative decision by concluding that claimant was entitled to receive PUA benefits for the weeks from March 8, 2020 through March 21, 2020, March 29, 2020 through July 25, 2020, August 2, 2020 through August 8, 2020, September 6, 2020 through September 12, 2020, October 4, 2020 through October 10, 2020, November 1, 2020 through November 7, 2020, and December 6, 2020 through February 6, 2021. On March 11, 2021, Order No. 21-UI-161280 became final without claimant having filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On December 3, 2021, claimant filed a late application for review of Order No. 21-UI-161280 with EAB. On January 10, 2022, EAB issued EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055, dismissing claimant's late application for review. On January 24, 2022, claimant filed a request for reconsideration with EAB. This decision is issued pursuant to EAB's authority under ORS 657.290(3).

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant's request for reconsideration is allowed. EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 is adhered to on reconsideration.

ORS 657.290(3) authorizes the Employment Appeals Board to reconsider any previous decision of the Employment Appeals Board, including "the making of a new decision to the extent necessary and appropriate for the correction of previous error of fact or law." "Any party may request reconsideration to correct an error of material fact or law, or to explain any unexplained inconsistency with Employment Department rule, or officially stated Employment Department position, or prior Employment Department practice." OAR 471-041-0145(1) (May 13, 2019). The request is subject to dismissal unless it includes a statement that a copy was provided to the other parties, and is filed on or before the 20th day after the decision sought to be reconsidered was mailed. OAR 471-041-0145(2).

EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 dismissed claimant's late application for review of Order No. 21-UI-161280. Claimant filed a request for reconsideration of EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 consistent with the requirements set forth in OAR 471-041-0145. The request for reconsideration therefore is allowed. However, EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 is adhered to on reconsideration because claimant did not show that the decision contained an error of material fact or law, or unexplained inconsistency with Employment Department rule, or officially stated Employment Department position, or prior Employment Department practice.

An application for review is timely if it is filed within 20 days of the date that OAH mailed the order 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 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).

EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 dismissed claimant's application for review of Order No. 21-UI-161280 because the application for review was late, and although the late application for review included a written statement, the written statement did not describe circumstances that prevented claimant from filing the application for review on time. Claimant asserted in her written statement submitted with her application for review that she filed the application for review late due to her visual impairment, having COVID-19 in August 2021 (more than four months after the timely filing deadline), and her lack of internet. EAB Exhibit 1 at 3. As explained in EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055, claimant did not show that these circumstances prevented her from filing the application for review on time. A factor claimant described in her application for review that was not addressed in 2021-EAB-1055 was that claimant had called the Department for assistance, and claimant was not satisfied with the assistance she received. EAB Exhibit 1 at 3. This information does not show that the Department failed to assist claimant before the March 11, 2021 deadline, and that, even if the contact was before March 11, 2021, that any such failure prevented claimant from filing her application for review by March 11, 2021.

In claimant's request for reconsideration, claimant explains why she disagrees with the weeks claimant was found eligible for PUA pursuant to Order 21-UI-161280. The weeks at issue were stated in Order 21-UI-161280, in the findings of fact, and were accurately restated in the conclusion of the order. Order 21-UI-161280 at 1-2, 4. The order also stated that if claimant disagreed with the order, she could appeal that order by March 11, 2021. Order 21-UI-161280 at 4, Certificate of Service. Claimant did not appeal until more than eight months after the deadline. Claimant's request for reconsideration does not assert that EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 contained an error of material fact or law, or unexplained inconsistency with Employment Department rule, or officially stated Employment Department position, or prior Employment Department practice. For that reason, EAB Decision 2021-EAB-1055 is adhered to on reconsideration.

DECISION: Order No. 21-UI-161280 is affirmed.

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

DATE of Service: March 7, 2022

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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