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### Employment Appeals Board

875 Union St. N.E. Salem, OR 97311

## EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2022-EAB-1188

Reversed Eligible Week 38-22

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On October 14, 2022, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant filed a late claim for unemployment insurance benefits for the week of September 18, 2022 through September 24, 2022 (week 38-22) and therefore was denied unemployment insurance benefits for that week (decision # 112922). Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On November 9, 2022, ALJ Logan conducted a hearing at which the employer failed to appear, and on November 10, 2022 issued Order No. 22-UI-207058, affirming decision # 112922. On November 29, 2022, claimant filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

**FINDINGS OF FACT:** (1) At all times relevant to this decision, Eek, Inc. employed claimant.

- (2) On September 9, 2022, claimant filed an initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits through the Department's Work Share program.
- (3) Under the Work Share program, employers bore the responsibility for filing weekly claims for benefits on behalf of their employees.
- (4) On October 7, 2022, the employer claimed benefits on claimant's behalf for the week of September 18, 2022 through September 24, 2022. This is the sole week at issue. The deadline to file a timely claim for benefits for that week was October 1, 2022.

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant was eligible for benefits during week 38-22.

ORS 657.380(1)(b) provides, in pertinent part, that an individual is unemployed and eligible to receive shared work benefits with respect to any week if, in addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements of Chapter 657, the Department finds that "during the week the individual's normal weekly hours of work were reduced, in accordance with an approved plan, at least 20 percent but not more than 40 percent, with a corresponding reduction in wages."

Continued claims for shared work benefits shall be completed by the shared work employer and submitted to the Employment Department no later than seven days following the end of the week for which benefits, waiting week credit, non-compensable credit week, or any combination of these is claimed. Shared work employees must provide the employer all information needed in order to submit a timely continued claim for shared work benefits. Such information may include, but is not limited to, information about work and earnings for another employer, missed opportunities to work, or other paid time used during the week being claimed. OAR 471-030-0079(9) (June 25, 2021).

Claimant's claim for benefits for week 38-22 was due within seven days of the end of the week for which benefits were claimed. As week 38-22 ended on September 24, 2022, the claim should have been filed by the employer no later than October 1, 2022. Because the employer did not submit the claim until October 7, 2022, the claim was late.

As the order under review correctly stated, OAR 471-030-0079(9) does not contain a good-cause exception for late weekly claims filed under the Work share program. Order No. 22-UI-207058 at 2. However, in contrast with regular weekly claims for benefits, <sup>1</sup> for which the claimant is directly responsible for filing on their own behalf, an employer bears the sole responsibility for filing claims under the Work Share program. At hearing, the Department's witness testified that the employer had previously filed timely weekly claims on claimant's behalf. Audio Record at 8:30. Further, the record does not show that the employer had previously filed late weekly claims on claimant's behalf. Thus, in these circumstances, claimant had neither the ability to file weekly claims for himself nor reason to suspect that the employer would fail to file timely weekly claims on his behalf.

The record shows that claimant was not afforded due process because he had no control over when (or if) a claim for weekly benefits under the Work Share program was filed on his behalf, had no way of knowing if the employer failed to timely file on his behalf, and had no recourse under the rules or procedures established by the Department if the employer filed late. Had the Department administered the program in a way that allowed claimant to ensure that either he, or the employer on his behalf, timely filed a claim for benefits for the week at issue, the record suggests that claimant would have done so. Therefore, equity dictates that claimant was eligible to receive benefits for the week at issue.

**DECISION:** Order No. 22-UI-207058 is set aside, as outlined above.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz;

S. Serres, not participating.

#### DATE of Service: February 3, 2023

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See OAR 471-030-0045 (January 11, 2018).

**NOTE:** This decision reverses an order that denied benefits. Please note that payment of benefits, if any are owed, may take approximately a week for the Department to complete.

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#### Khmer

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#### Laotian

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