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EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2023-EAB-0678

Late Application for Review Dismissed

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FINDINGS OF FACT: On May 21, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served a Notice of Determination for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) concluding that claimant was ineligible for PUA benefits effective December 27, 2020. On June 10, 2021, the May 21, 2021 PUA determination became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On June 11, 2021, claimant filed a late request for hearing. ALJ Kangas considered claimant's request, and on September 29, 2021 issued Order No. 21-UI-175891, dismissing the request as late, subject to claimant's right to renew the request by responding to an appellant questionnaire by October 13, 2021. On October 5, 2021, claimant filed a timely response to the appellant questionnaire. On January 19, 2022, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed a letter to claimant stating that Order No. 21-UI-175891 was vacated and a hearing would be scheduled to determine whether claimant's late request for hearing on the May 21, 2021 PUA determination should be allowed and, if so, the merits of the PUA determination.

On January 4, 2023, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed claimant notice that the hearing was scheduled for January 17, 2023. On January 17, 2023, claimant failed to appear at the hearing, and on January 18, 2023 ALJ Scott issued Order No. 23-UI-212855, dismissing claimant's request for hearing on the May 21, 2021 PUA determination due to claimant's failure to appear. On January 25, 2023, claimant filed a timely request to reopen the January 17, 2023 hearing. On May 3, 2023, OAH mailed claimant notice that a hearing was scheduled for May 17, 2023 to determine whether to grant claimant's request to reopen the January 17, 2023 hearing; if so, whether to allow claimant's late request for hearing on the May 21, 2021 PUA determination should be allowed; and, if so, the merits of the PUA determination.

On May 17, 2023, ALJ Frank conducted a hearing, and on May 25, 2023 issued Order No. 23-UI-226083, denying claimant's request to reopen the January 17, 2023 hearing, and leaving Order No. 23-UI-212855 and the May 21, 2021 PUA determination undisturbed. On June 14, 2023, Order No. 23-UI-226083 became final without claimant having filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On June 15, 2023, claimant filed a late application for review of Order No. 23-UI-226083 with EAB.

EVIDENTIARY MATTER: EAB has considered additional evidence when reaching this decision under OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). The additional evidence is claimant's late application for review, 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.¹

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: Claimant's late application for review is dismissed.

An application for review is timely if it is filed within 20 days of the date that the Office of Administrative Hearings (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).

The application for review of Order No. 23-UI-226083 was due June 14, 2023. Claimant's application for review was dated June 14, 2023, but per the date encoded on the document, was received by fax June 15, 2023. EAB Exhibit 1 at 1. OAR 471-041-0065(1)(d) (May 13, 2019) states that the filing date for a document submitted by fax is "the encoded date on the faxed document," and therefore the date claimant filed her application for review was June 15, 2023.

Because claimant did not file her application for review until June 15, 2023, the application for review was late. Claimant provided a letter from her medical provider with the application for review. However, while the letter contained general info about the claimant's mental health, it did not specifically address why claimant filed the application for review late, and therefore did not describe circumstances preventing claimant from filing the application for review on time, as required under OAR 471-041-0070(3).

Because claimant's late application for review did not include a written statement describing circumstances that prevented claimant from filing the application for review on time, the late application for review is dismissed.

DECISION: The application for review filed June 15, 2023 is dismissed. Order No. 23-UI-226083 remains undisturbed.

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

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¹ The attachment to claimant's late application for review was a June 9, 2023 letter from her medical provider that did not describe the circumstances that prevented claimant from filing the application for review on time, and therefore was not included in EAB Exhibit 1.

DATE of Service: <u>July 25, 2023</u>

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Simplified Chinese

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Vietnamese

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Spanish

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Russian

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Khmer

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Laotian

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Arabic

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Farsi

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