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# State of Oregon **Employment Appeals Board** 875 Union St. N.E. Salem, OR 97311

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# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2023-EAB-1252

Late Application for Review Dismissed Without Prejudice

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FINDINGS OF FACT:** On October 13, 2020, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant quit working for the employer without good cause and was disqualified from receiving benefits effective March 15, 2020 (decision # 112338). On November 2, 2020, decision # 112338 became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On December 16, 2020, claimant filed a late request for hearing. ALJ Kangas considered 's request, and on December 28, 2020, issued Order No. 20-UI-158269, dismissing the request as late, subject to claimant's right to renew the request by responding to an appellant questionnaire by January 11, 2021. On January 11, 2021, claimant filed a timely response to the appellant questionnaire. On February 2, 2021, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed a letter stating that Order No. 20-UI-158269 was vacated and that a new hearing would be scheduled to determine whether to allow claimant's late request for hearing and, if so, the merits of decision # 112338.

On May 4, 2022, ALJ Messecar convened a hearing, and following an exchange initiated by the ALJ, based on the ALJ's view that there was "some indication in the request for hearing that [claimant was] not actually desiring to appeal the administrative decision 112338,"<sup>1</sup> claimant replied "yes" to the question posed by the ALJ, "Are you withdrawing your request for hearing so this decision will stand?" Audio Record at 4:35 to 7:32. ALJ Messecar then instructed claimant to exit the hearing, which claimant did, and the ALJ concluded the hearing a few moments later. Audio Record at 7:32 to 8:22.

On May 4, 2022, ALJ Messecar issued Order No. 22-UI-192923, concluding that claimant withdrew his request for hearing and dismissing the hearing request on that basis, leaving Order No. 20-UI-158269 undisturbed. On May 24, 2022, Order No. 22-UI-192923 became final without claimant having filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On November 13, 2023, claimant filed a late application for review of Order No. 22-UI-192923 with EAB.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the issue description section of claimant's hearing request referral, claimant wrote "My job lied about me quitting my job and now my claim is denied. They told me I could get PUA and it has been 2 moths [*sic*] since then. They did not tell me what to do. Please help me." Exhibit 2 at 2. It is not evident why the ALJ believed this statement was an indication that claimant did not desire to appeal decision # 112338.

**EVIDENTIARY MATTER:** EAB has considered additional evidence when reaching this decision under OAR 471-041-0090(1) (May 13, 2019). The additional evidence is the written statement claimant provided with their 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.

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant's application for review is dismissed without prejudice.

On November 13, 2023, the appellant filed an application for review of Order No. 22-UI-192923 with EAB. ORS 657.270(6) and ORS 657.270(7)(b) required the application for review to be filed no later than May 24, 2022. The appellant's application for review is therefore late, and this application for review is dismissed.

The deadline for filing an application for review may be extended a reasonable time upon a showing of good cause. *See* ORS 657.875; OAR 471-041-0070 (May 13, 2019). If the appellant believes they have good cause and filed their late application for review within a reasonable time, the appellant may request that EAB reconsider this decision under OAR 471-041-0145 (May 13, 2019).

EAB will dismiss any request for reconsideration that does not include **all five** of the following:

- 1. The appellant must file the request for reconsideration within 20 days of the date this decision was mailed; the date this decision was mailed is December 26, 2023, *and*
- 2. The appellant must include a statement on the request for reconsideration declaring that they sent a copy of the request to the other party, *and*
- 3. The appellant must provide additional specific details about the reason they filed a late application for review. For example, the appellant should include specific information about the date they received the ALJ's order, whether they read it, whether they agreed or disagreed with the ALJ's order, the reason(s) why they did not file the application for review before the deadline, and how the reason(s) affected their ability to file a timely application for review.

If the appellant is asserting that they did not receive Order No. 22-UI-192923 in the mail, and that is why they filed their application for review late, they should provide details regarding that in their request for reconsideration and explain what led them to file their late application for review when they did, on November 13, 2023.

The appellant should include any other specific details that might help EAB determine whether or not the appellant had "good cause," which means factors or circumstances beyond their reasonable control prevented them from filing a timely application for review, *and* 

4. The appellant must provide the date the circumstances that prevented them from filing a timely application for review (which they listed in response to #3, above) ceased to exist, *and* 

5. The appellant must provide sufficient information to prove that they filed their application for review within seven days of that date.

The appellant may file a request for reconsideration in many ways; please note that you need only file *one* request for reconsideration:

- 1. Use your smart phone, tablet, or computer to fill out the "File a Written Argument" form, available on EAB's website: <u>https://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/EAB/Pages/default.aspx</u>, *or*
- 2. Use your smart phone, tablet, or computer to send an email to EAB at <u>OED\_EAB\_OFFICE@employ.oregon.gov</u>, *or*
- 3. Send the request by U.S. mail or another delivery service, addressed to 875 Union St NE, Salem, Oregon 97311, *or*
- 4. Send EAB a fax at 503-378-2129.

**DECISION:** The application for review filed November 13, 2023 is dismissed without prejudice. Order No. 22-UI-192923 remains undisturbed.

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

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Attention – This decision affects your unemployment benefits. If you do not understand this decision, contact the Employment Appeals Board immediately. If you do not agree with this decision, you may file a Petition for Judicial Review with the Oregon Court of Appeals following the instructions written at the end of the decision.

#### **Simplified Chinese**

注意 – 本判决会影响您的失业救济金。如果您不明白本判决, 请立即联系就业上诉委员会。如果您不同意此判决, 您可以按照该判决结尾所写的说明, 向俄勒冈州上诉法院提出司法复审申请。

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注意 – 本判決會影響您的失業救濟金。如果您不明白本判決, 請立即聯繫就業上訴委員會。如果您不同意此判決, 您可以按照該判決結尾所寫的說明, 向俄勒岡州上訴法院提出司法複審申請。

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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

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# Khmer

ចំណុចសំខាន់ – សេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះមានផលប៉ះពាល់ដល់អត្ថប្រយោជន៍គ្មានការងារធ្វើរបស់លោកអ្នក។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិន យល់អំពីសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ សូមទាក់ទងគណៈកម្មការឧទ្ធរណ៍ការងារភ្លាមៗ។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិនយល់ស្របចំពោះសេចក្តី សម្រេចនេះទេ លោកអ្នកអាចដាក់ពាក្យប្តឹងសុំឲ្យមានការពិនិត្យរឿងក្តីឡើងវិញជាមួយតុលារឧទ្ធរណ៍រដ្ឋ Oregon ដោយអនុវត្តតាម សេចក្តីណែនាំដែលសរសេរនៅខាងចុងបញ្ចប់នៃសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ។

# Laotian

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# Arabic

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## Farsi

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