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### State of Oregon **Employment Appeals Board**

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## EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2024-EAB-0144

Affirmed
Late Request for Hearing Allowed
Ineligible Weeks 12-20 through 35-21
Overpayment Assessed

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On December 17, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant was not able to work during the weeks of March 15, 2020, through August 28, 2021<sup>1</sup> (weeks 12-20 through 34-21) and until the reason for the denial ended (decision # 133434). On January 6, 2022, decision # 133434 became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On July 22, 2022, the Department served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant received benefits to which he was not entitled, and assessing an overpayment of \$1,359 in regular unemployment insurance (regular UI) benefits and \$2,400 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits that claimant was required to repay to the Department (decision # 90759). On July 30, 2022, claimant filed a late request for hearing on decision # 133434 and a timely request for hearing on decision # 90759.

On January 8, 2024, ALJ Lucas conducted separate hearings on decisions # 133434 and 90759. On January 12, 2024, ALJ Lucas issued Order No. 24-UI-245499, allowing claimant's late request for hearing on decision # 133434 and modifying that decision by concluding that claimant was not able to work or available for work during the weeks of March 15, 2020, through September 4, 2021 (weeks 12-20 through 35-21)<sup>2</sup> and therefore ineligible to receive benefits for those weeks. Also on January 12, 2024, ALJ Lucas issued Order No. 24-UI-245560, affirming decision # 90759. On February 1, 2024, claimant filed applications for review of Orders No. 24-UI-245499 and 24-UI-245560 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision # 133434 concluded that claimant was ineligible for benefits for a period of weeks ending on August 29, 2021. Order No. 24-UI-245499, Exhibit 1 at 1. However, as benefit weeks end on Saturdays and August 29, 2021 was a Sunday, it is presumed that this date was a scrivener's error.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On multiple occasions, Order No. 24-UI-245499 referred to the week ending September 4, 2021 as "week 36-21." Order No. 24-UI-245499 at 1, 8. However, the week ending September 4, 2021 was actually week 35-21, and the record supports the conclusion that week 35-21, not 36-21, was the final week at issue in this matter. Therefore, the references in Order No. 24-UI-245499 to 36-21 instead of 35-21 are presumed to be scrivener's error.

Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (October 29, 2006), EAB consolidated its review of Orders No. 24-UI-245499 and 24-UI-245560. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2024-EAB-0145 and 2023-EAB-0144).

EAB reviewed the entire consolidated hearing record. On *de novo* review and pursuant to ORS 657.275(2), the orders under review are **adopted**.

**DECISION:** Orders No. 24-UI-245499 and 24-UI-245560 are affirmed.

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

#### DATE of Service: March 8, 2024

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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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#### **Vietnamese**

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#### **Spanish**

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#### Khmer

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

#### Laotian

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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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