

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION
2024-EAB-0503

Late Application for Review Dismissed Without Prejudice

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND FINDINGS OF FACT: On June 21, 2022, 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 22, 2020 (decision # 141323). On July 11, 2022, decision # 141323 became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing.

On January 12, 2023, claimant filed a late request for hearing. ALJ Kangas considered claimant's request, and on May 23, 2023 issued Order No. 23-UI-225846, dismissing the request as late, subject to claimant's right to renew the request by responding to an appellant questionnaire by June 6, 2023. On June 6, 2023, claimant filed a timely response to the appellant questionnaire. On October 4, 2023, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed a letter stating that Order No. 23-UI-225846 was vacated and that a hearing would be scheduled to determine whether to allow claimant's late request for hearing and, if so, the merits of decision # 141323.

On October 17, 2023, ALJ Frank convened a hearing at which claimant appeared and requested a postponement, which was granted. On November 15, 2023, notice was mailed to the parties that the hearing had been rescheduled for November 29, 2023. Claimant failed to appear for this hearing, and on November 29, 2023, ALJ Frank issued Order No. 23-UI-242173, dismissing claimant's late request for hearing due to his failure to appear. On December 19, 2023, Order No. 23-UI-242173 became final without claimant having filed a request to reopen the hearing.

On February 28, 2024, claimant filed a late request to reopen the November 29, 2023 hearing. ALJ Kangas considered the request, and on March 26, 2024, issued Order No. 24-UI-250880, denying the request and leaving Order No. 23-UI-242173 undisturbed. On April 15, 2024, Order No. 24-UI-250880

became final without claimant having filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On June 14, 2024, claimant filed a late application for review of Order No. 24-UI-250880 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 the written statement accompanying 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.

CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS: The application for review is dismissed without prejudice.

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. 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).

On June 14, 2024, the appellant filed an application for review of Order No. 24-UI-250880 with EAB. ORS 657.270(6) and ORS 657.270(7)(b) required the application for review to be filed no later than April 15, 2024. The appellant’s application for review was therefore filed late.

While claimant’s late application for review was filed with a statement setting forth reasons for the late filing, the statement did not contain sufficient specific information to conclude that good cause exists to extend the deadline for timely filing and that the late filing occurred within a reasonable time. For example, while the statement asserted that claimant “was in no mental state to appeal” the order under review due to his father suffering an injury and his mother’s death, the dates of these events were not given, and the statement did not explain how and when these factors, or other factors that prevented timely filing of the application for review, ceased to exist. EAB Exhibit 1 at 2. Accordingly, claimant’s late application for review is dismissed. However, if the appellant believes he has good cause and filed his late application for review within a reasonable time, he 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 July 18, 2024, *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, how the reason(s) affected their ability to file a timely application for review, when the event(s) giving rise to those reasons occurred, and 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: <https://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/EAB/Pages/default.aspx>, *or*
2. Use your smart phone, tablet, or computer to send an email to EAB at OED_EAB_OFFICE@employ.oregon.gov, *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 June 14, 2024 is dismissed without prejudice. Order No. 24-UI-250880 remains undisturbed.

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

DATE of Service: July 18, 2024

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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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