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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 2024-EAB-0636

Late Application for Review Dismissed

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On June 16, 2023, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant filed late claims for benefits for the weeks from May 7 through 20, 2023 (weeks 19-23 through 20-23) and was denied benefits for those weeks (decision # 101240). Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On July 25, 2023, notice was mailed to claimant that a hearing was scheduled for August 7, 2023. Claimant failed to appear at the hearing, and on August 8, 2023 ALJ Hoppe issued Order No. 23-UI-232621, dismissing the request for hearing due to claimant's failure to appear. On August 28, 2023, Order No. 23-UI-232621 became final without claimant having filed a request to reopen the hearing.

On January 25, 2024, claimant filed a late request to reopen the August 7, 2023 hearing. ALJ Kangas considered the request, and on March 29, 2024 issued Order No. 24-UI-251159, denying the request and leaving Order No. 23-UI-232621 undisturbed. On April 18, 2024, Order No. 24-UI-251159 became final without claimant having filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On August 22, 2024, claimant filed a late application for review of Order No. 24-UI-251159 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 statement included in claimant's 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.

**FINDING OF FACT:** (1) Order No. 24-UI-251159, mailed to claimant on March 29, 2024, stated, "You may appeal this decision by filing the attached form Application for Review with the Employment Appeals Board within 20 days of the date that this decision is mailed." Order No. 24-UI-251159 at 4. Order No. 24-UI-251159 also stated on its Certificate of Mailing, "Any appeal from this Order must be filed on or before April 18, 2024 to be timely."

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant's late application for review of Order No. 24-UI-251159 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. 24-UI-251159 was due by April 18, 2024. Because claimant did not file their application for review until August 22, 2024, the application for review was late. Claimant provided a written statement with the application for review. However, the statement appears to focus on the reasons why claimant's weekly claims for weeks 19-23 and 20-23 were filed late, rather than describing the circumstances that prevented claimant from filing the application for review on time.

Claimant wrote in their statement, "At this time I had so much going on that I couldn't even think[.] I had court dates and a death and many things going on in my life at the time[.]" EAB Exhibit 1 at 1. Claimant then described various difficulties experienced when attempting to file weekly claims. *See* EAB Exhibit 1 at 1. To the extent the quoted portion of the statement may have been referring to the timely appeal period for Order No. 24-UI-251159, this evidence does not establish that factors or circumstances beyond claimant's reasonable control prevented timely filing. The statement does not reveal the timing or other specifics of the "court dates" "death" or "many things going on" and does not explain how these events prevented claimant from timely filing an application for review. Good cause to extend the deadline for filing has therefore not been shown.

Further, even if good cause had been shown to extend the timely filing deadline, the record does not show when the circumstances that prevented timely filing ended, and therefore whether claimant filed the late application for review within a "reasonable time" thereafter. Accordingly, claimant's late application for review is dismissed.

**DECISION:** The application for review filed August 22, 2024 is dismissed. Order No. 24-UI-251159 remains undisturbed.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz;

S. Serres, not participating.

# DATE of Service: September 9, 2024

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#### Spanish

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# Khmer

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## Laotian

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# Farsi

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