

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF REVIEW



IN THE MATTER OF:

Higher Authority Decision No.

ATTN:

Claimant

Employer

STATEMENT OF CASE:

The claimant filed a NEW INITIAL CLAIM (NIC) for unemployment insurance benefits effective . Thereafter, the Division of Employment Security (“Division”) determined that the weekly benefit amount payable to the claimant was \$ and, during the benefit year established by the claimant, the maximum amount of unemployment insurance benefits payable to the claimant was \$.

The claim was referred to an adjudicator on the issue of separation from last employment. The adjudicator issued a Determination by Adjudicator under Docket No. finding the claimant (disqualified) (not disqualified) for benefits. The (claimant) (employer) filed an appeal from the Determination and the matter was heard by Appeals Referee under Appeals Docket No. . The following individuals appeared at the hearing before the Appeals Referee: On , the Appeals Referee issued a decision finding the claimant (disqualified) (not disqualified) from receiving unemployment insurance benefits pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-14(). **The (claimant) (employer) has appealed.**

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The claimant has filed continued claims for unemployment insurance benefits for the period through . The claimant has registered for work with the Division, has continued to report to an employment office of the Division, and has made a claim for benefits in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15(a).

2. The claimant began working for the employer on or about . (He) (She) last worked for the employer on as a/an .



MEMORANDUM OF LAW:

The Employment Security Law of North Carolina provides:

When an individual leaves work due solely to a unilateral and permanent reduction in the individual's rate of pay of more than fifteen percent (15%), the leaving is presumed to be good cause attributable to the employer. The employer may rebut the presumption if the reduction is temporary or was occasioned by malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance on the part of the individual.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-14.5(c).

When an individual leaves work, the burden of proof of showing good cause attributable to the employer rests on the individual and the burden may not be shifted to the employer. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-14.5(a).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

In the present case, any controverted evidence was resolved by making findings of fact based on competent and credible evidence presented at the hearing.

The undersigned concludes from the competent and credible evidence and the facts found therefrom that the claimant left work within the meaning of the law. The undersigned further concludes that reasonable men and women would agree that the claimant's reasons for leaving work (did) (did not) rise to the level of good cause for leaving work within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-14.5(c).

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned must conclude that the claimant left work (with) (without) good cause attributable to the employer. The decision of the Appeals Referee must be (affirmed/reversed/modified). Further, the claimant must be held (disqualified) (not disqualified) from receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

DECISION:

The decision of the Appeals Referee is (**AFFIRMED**)(**REVERSED**)(**MODIFIED**).

The claimant is **DISQUALIFIED** for unemployment insurance benefits beginning .
(**NOT DISQUALIFIED** and will receive unemployment insurance benefits beginning .

Board of Review members John Doe and Susan Doe participated in this appeal and concur with this decision.



This the .

BOARD OF REVIEW

Chairman

NOTE: This Higher Authority Decision will become final thirty (30) days after mailing unless a petition for judicial review is filed with the superior court as indicated below. The date of mailing is found on the last page of this decision. Although the Board does not impart legal advice, please see the enclosed pamphlet for additional guidance on how to appeal a Higher Authority Decision. The pamphlet is available in the public employment offices throughout the State, and on the Division of Employment Security's website. You may also visit the *Frequently Asked Questions* section on the Division of Employment Security's website at www.des.nc.gov, and consult an attorney of your choosing.

APPEAL RIGHTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Appeals from this Higher Authority Decision must be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court by the petitioner in the county in which he or she resides, or in which the petitioner has its principal place of business. If a party does not reside in any county or have a principal place of business in any county in North Carolina, appeals must be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina *or* with the Clerk of Superior Court of the North Carolina county in which the controversy arose.

This Higher Authority Decision will become final thirty (30) days after mailing unless a timely petition for judicial review is filed with the superior court pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 96-15(h) and (i).

Copies of any Petition for Judicial Review filed with the Clerk of Superior Court must be served upon the Division of Employment Security ("Division") and upon all parties of record to the proceedings within ten (10) days of the filing of the petition. Copies of the petition must be served by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Petitions for superior court review must be served on and addressed to the registered agent for service of process for the Division:

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NOTE: If you are served with a Petition for Judicial Review by another party, you will not be a party to the judicial review proceedings unless you: (1) notify the superior court within ten (10) days after you receive the petition that you want to become a party to the proceedings, or (2) file a motion to intervene as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1A-1, Rule 24.

IMPORTANT – SEE FOLLOWING PAGE



NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

A legal representative as defined in 04 N.C. Admin. Code 24A .0105(32) (including individuals from a third-party company serving as an employer's unemployment insurance administrator) must be a licensed attorney, or a person supervised by a licensed attorney in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. Ch. 84 and § 96-17(b). Notices and/or certification of attorney supervision must be in writing pursuant to 04 N.C. Admin. Code 24C .0504. **Legal representation in judicial proceedings must comply with N.C. Gen. Stat. Ch. 84.**

Pursuant to 04 N.C. Admin. Code 24C .0504, when a party has a legal representative, all documents or information required to be provided to the party will only be sent to the legal representative. Any information provided to a party's legal representative will have the same force and effect as if it had been sent directly to the party.

For claims filed on or after June 30, 2013, claimants are subject to repayment of benefits received from any administrative or judicial decision that is later reversed on appeal. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-18(g)(2).

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS: If you were receiving or have previously received unemployment insurance benefits in connection with the underlying claim and this Higher Authority Decision rules you ineligible or disqualified for all or part of such benefits, you may now have an overpayment of benefits pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-18(g)(2). If an overpayment is created by this Higher Authority Decision, you will be mailed a separate Notice of Overpayment or Determination of Overpayment from the Division's Benefits Integrity/Benefit Payment Control Section. The Notice of Overpayment or Determination of Overpayment will specify, among other things, the amount of your overpayment and any penalties that apply. Please note that the only way you may contest the overpayment is to file a petition for judicial review of this Higher Authority Decision with the superior court as provided above, and in accordance with North Carolina law. In your petition, you must specify whether you are appealing (1) the issue of disqualification or eligibility and/or (2) the resulting determination that you received an overpayment of benefits.

Appeal Filed:

Decision Mailed: