

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA

DECISION OF COMMISSIONER

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Decision No: UCV-16

ABLE AND AVAILABLE - 160.1
Effort to secure employment
or willingness to work:
Application for work.

Date: Oct. 30, 1956

This is a matter before the Commission on appeal by the claimant from the decision of the Examiner (No. UCV-368-369) dated October 5, 1956.

ISSUE

Has the claimant been available for work during the week or weeks for which he claims benefits?

OPINION AND DECISION

The consistent rule followed by this Commission with respect to the duty of a claimant to actively seek work under Section 60-46 (c) of the Code requires more than mere registration with the state employment service, following newspaper advertisements, asking friends or relatives about job opportunities, or even telephoning prospective employers. On a number of occasions this Commission has pointed out the value of personal contact and interview. This is especially true where, as in the instant case, the claimant desires to inject himself into the labor market for only a short period of time. The inherent principle recognized by this rule is the fact that the claimant who is conscientiously desirous of obtaining suitable employment will be sufficiently concerned with his endeavor to personally try to interest employers in the service he is capable of rendering. This is not a truth peculiar to Virginia law, but is the general rule followed in most jurisdictions. See, Guidice v. Board of Review, 14 N. J. Super 335, 82 A (2d) 206, Hermsen v. Employment Security Department 39 Wash (2d) 903, 239 P (2d) 863, Lore v. Unemployment Compensation Commission, (Del.) 86 A (2d) 856. (Underscoring supplied)

For the reasons stated the decision of the Appeals Examiner was proper and the same is hereby sustained and affirmed.