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Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The claimant appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to deny the claimant benefits beginning week ending May 31, 2025, until the date the claimant completes her Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) review. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and we affirm in part and reverse in part.

The claimant filed a claim for benefits, effective February 23, 2025, and was found to be eligible. However, on April 28, 2025, the agency determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits beginning April 20, 2025. The claimant appealed and attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on August 16, 2025, the review examiner modified the agency determination, concluding that the claimant had good cause for her failure to complete the RESEA review by the April 25, 2025, deadline date, and through the week ending May 24, 2025, but that the claimant had not established good cause for her failure to complete the review since then. Thus, the claimant was entitled to benefits from the week ending April 26, 2025, through the week ending May 24, 2025, but she was disqualified beginning week ending May 31, 2025, until the date she completes the RESEA review pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 25(a). The Board accepted the claimant's application for review.

Ruling of the Board

After considering the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, and the claimant's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights.

However, we note that current information in the Department of Career Services' Massachusetts One Stop Employment System (MOSES) shows that the claimant completed her RESEA review on August 22, 2025. Having thus completed her RESEA review, we have placed an end date of August 16, 2025, on the disqualification. Beginning August 17, 2025, the claimant is entitled to benefits if otherwise eligible.

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DATE OF DECISION - September 23, 2025

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ANY FURTHER APPEAL WOULD BE TO A MASSACHUSETTS STATE DISTRICT COURT

(See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)

The last day to appeal this decision to a Massachusetts District Court is thirty days from the mail date on the first page of this decision. If that thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day to appeal this decision is the business day next following the thirtieth day.

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