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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 August 3, 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 April 6, 2025, and was found to be eligible. However, on July 1, 2025, the agency determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits beginning week ending June 28, 2025. The claimant appealed and attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on August 18, 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 June 27, 2025, deadline date, but that the claimant had not established that she had completed the review as of the date of the hearing on July 30, 2025. Thus, pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 25(a), the claimant was eligible for benefits from week ending June 28, 2025, to the week ending August 2, 2025, but she was disqualified beginning August 3, 2025, until the date she completes the review. 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 that the claimant had good cause to miss her RESEA review deadline is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights.

However, a review of the current information in the Department of Career Services' Massachusetts One Stop Employment System (MOSES) shows that the claimant completed her RESEA Review on August 8, 2025. Having thus promptly completed her RESEA obligations the week after the hearing, there is no basis to deny benefits.

The portion of the review examiner's decision, which awarded benefits from June 28 to August 2, 2025, is affirmed. The portion of the decision that denied benefits as of the week beginning August 3, 2025, is reversed. The claimant is entitled to benefits as of the week ending June 28, 2025, and for subsequent weeks if otherwise eligible.

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Chairman Paul T. Fitzgerald, Esq. did not participate in this decision.

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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