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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 an extension of the claimant's unemployment benefits while she participates in a training program (training benefits). We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and we affirm in part and reverse in part.

On July 10, 2025, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to training benefits. The claimant appealed and attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on August 23, 2025, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant was ineligible for training benefits while attending the [Name of School] cosmetology program during the requested period, from April 28, 2025, to April 28, 2026, because the agency's records in the Massachusetts One Stop Employment System (MOSES) database showed that the program's approval had expired on June 30, 2024. Therefore, the claimant was ineligible for training benefits pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 30(c). The Board accepted the claimant's application for review.

Ruling of the Board

In rendering our decision, we have considered the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, the claimant's appeal, and current MOSES records. We note that a check of current MOSES records shows that the claimant's requested training program has since been approved as a training provider for purposes of G.L. c. 151A, § 30(c), during the period from July 16, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Because the claimant's requested training program was not approved between July 1, 2024, and July 15, 2026, we conclude that the portion of the review examiner's decision which denied training benefits during the period from April 28 to July 12, 2025, is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights. However, since the claimant's training program has now been approved from July 16, 2025, to June 30, 2026, the claimant is eligible for training benefits during that period.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed in part and reversed in part. The claimant is denied training benefits pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 30(c), for the weeks ending May 3, 2025, to July 12, 2025. She is entitled to receive training benefits during the weeks ending July 19, 2025, to May 2, 2026, if otherwise eligible.

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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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