

**Citation: *L. A. v. Canada Employment Insurance Commission*, 2015 SSTAD 1103**

**Date: September 17, 2015**

**File number: AD-15-900**

**APPEAL DIVISION**

**Between:**

**L. A.**

**Applicant**

**and**

**Canada Employment Insurance Commission**

**Respondent**

**Decision by: Pierre Lafontaine, Member, Appeal Division**

## REASONS AND DECISION

### DECISION

[1] The Tribunal grants leave to appeal to the Appeal Division of the Social Security Tribunal.

### INTRODUCTION

[2] On July 14, 2015, the General Division of the Tribunal determined that:

- The decision of Respondent to deny the request to extend the 30 day period to make a request for reconsideration of a decision under section 112 of the *Employment Insurance Act* (the “*Act*”) and section 1 of the *Reconsideration Request Regulations* (the “*Reconsideration Regulations*”), should be upheld.

[3] The Applicant requested leave to appeal to the Appeal Division on August 12, 2015.

### ISSUE

[4] The Tribunal must decide if the appeal has a reasonable chance of success.

### THE LAW

[5] According to subsections 56(1) and 58(3) of the *Department of Employment and Social Development Act* (the “*DESD Act*”), “an appeal to the Appeal Division may only be brought if leave to appeal is granted” and “the Appeal Division must either grant or refuse leave to appeal”.

[6] Subsection 58(2) of the *DESD Act* provides that “leave to appeal is refused if the Appeal Division is satisfied that the appeal has no reasonable chance of success”.

### ANALYSIS

[7] Subsection 58(1) of the *DESD Act* states that the only grounds of appeal are the following:

- (a) The General Division failed to observe a principle of natural justice or otherwise acted beyond or refused to exercise its jurisdiction;
- (b) The General Division erred in law in making its decision, whether or not the error appears on the face of the record; or
- (c) The General Division based its decision on an erroneous finding of fact that it made in a perverse or capricious manner or without regard for the material before it.

[8] In regards to the application for permission to appeal, the Tribunal needs to be satisfied that the reasons for appeal fall within any of the above mentioned grounds of appeal and that at least one of the reasons has a reasonable chance of success, before leave can be granted.

[9] The Applicant argues that he was told by the information line that if there were any conflicts or services needed, he would be contacted directly by telephone. He was convinced that he would be contacted by the Tribunal although he did receive a letter of hearing that he read briefly.

[10] After reviewing the docket of appeal, the decision of the General Division and considering the arguments of the Applicant in support of his request for leave to appeal, the Tribunal finds that the appeal has a reasonable chance of success. The Applicant has set out reasons which fall into the above enumerated grounds of appeal that could possibly lead to the reversal of the disputed decision.

## **CONCLUSION**

[11] The Tribunal grants leave to appeal to the Appeal Division of the Social Security Tribunal.

*Pierre Lafontaine*  
Member, Appeal Division