



Social Security
Tribunal of Canada

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Citation: *S. S. v. Canada Employment Insurance Commission*, 2016 SSTA DEI 230

Tribunal File Number: AD-16-562

BETWEEN:

S. S.

Applicant

and

Canada Employment Insurance Commission

Respondent

SOCIAL SECURITY TRIBUNAL DECISION
Appeal Division – Leave to Appeal decision

DECISION BY: Pierre Lafontaine

DATE OF DECISION: April 22, 2016

REASONS AND DECISION

DECISION

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

INTRODUCTION

[2] On March 18, 2016, the General Division of the Tribunal determined that:

- A disentitlement was imposed in accordance with section 37 of the *Employment Insurance Act* (the “*Act*”) and Section 55 of the *Employment Insurance Regulations* (the “*Regulations*”) because he was absent from Canada;
- The Applicant had failed to prove his availability pursuant to paragraph 18(1)(a) of the *Act*.

[3] The Applicant requested leave to appeal to the Appeal Division on April 14, 2016.

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 is essentially submitting that the General Division made errors in its decision regarding important dates and that it did not consider, in view of the facts before it, all of the exceptions in section 55 of the *Regulation*, namely section 55(1)(f) of the *Regulations*. The Applicant states that he was actively searching for a job during that period and was available to work on short notice event though he was out of Canada.

[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