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## —DECISION—

	DECISION NO.:	684-ER-83
	DATE:	May 24, 1983
CLAIMANT: Walter Smith	APPEAL NO.:	15847
	J. NO.:	
EMPLOYER:	L.O. NO.:	50
	APPELLANT:	CLAIMANT

ISSUE Whether the Claimant was actively seeking work with the meaning of §4(c) of the Law.

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### — APPEARANCE —

FOR THE CLAIMANT:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

### REVIEW ON THE RECORD

Upon a review of the record in this case, the Board of Appeals reverses the decision of the Appeals Referee and concludes that, under the specific circumstances of this case, the Claimant was actively seeking work within the meaning of §4(c) of the Law.

Section 4(c) does not specifically require that a Claimant make personal contacts, although that is the usual standard that the Employment Security Administration and this Board apply. However, the standard set forth in the statute is:

Whether the efforts he has made to obtain work have been reasonable and are such efforts as an unemployed individual is expected to make if he is honestly looking for work.

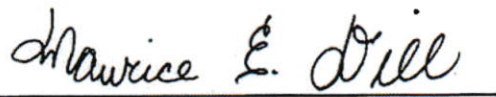
Here, the unrebutted, sworn testimony of the Claimant is that using the telephone to make his job contacts is the most practical and reasonable method, given the nature of his job, the facilities offered by the union and the diverse geographic locations in which he is seeking work. Therefore, the Board concludes that under these circumstances, the Claimant is meeting the requirements of §4(c) of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law.

#### DECISION

The Claimant is actively seeking work, within the meaning of §4(c) of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law. He is entitled to benefits from November 21, 1982 if he is otherwise eligible under the law.

The decision of the Appeals Referee is reversed.

  
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- DECISION -

CLAIMANT: Walter Smith

DATE: February 8, 1983

APPEAL NO.: 15847

S. S. NO.:

EMPLOYER:

L. O. NO.: 50 (Pa)

APPELLANT: Claimant

ISSUE: Whether the claimant was actively seeking work within the meaning of Section 4 (c) of the Law.

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- APPEARANCES -

FOR THE CLAIMANT:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Present Telephonic Hearing  
 January 25, 1983

FINDINGS OF FACT

The claimant filed an original claim for unemployment insurance benefits, effective September 12, 1982.

The claimant was employed by Fire Protection Industry, for approximately five weeks, his last job classification as a sprinkler fitter, on an hourly wage rate of \$16.17. He last worked for this employer on or about September 24, 1982.