

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant's brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it explains that he is taking action to resolve his financial problems. The Board does not review cases de novo. The Appeal Board's authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 18-02997.a1

DATE: 10/04/2019

DATE: October 4, 2019

In Re:	)	
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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	

**APPEAL BOARD DECISION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

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**FOR APPLICANT**

*Pro se*

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On January 9, 2019, DoD issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of Department of Defense Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). Applicant requested a decision on the written record. On July 15, 2019, after considering the record, Chief Administrative Judge Erin C. Hogan denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant’s brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it explains that he is taking action to resolve his financial problems.

The Board does not review cases *de novo*. The Appeal Board’s authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. Because Applicant has not made such an allegation of error, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is affirmed.

**Order**

The Decision is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: Michael Ra'anan  
Michael Ra'anan  
Administrative Judge  
Chairperson, Appeal Board

Signed: James E. Moody  
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Administrative Judge  
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: James F. Duffy  
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