

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Appellant’s brief raises no issue of harmful error. We cannot consider new evidence in appeal. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASE NO: 14-07018.a1

DATE: 08/18/2016

DATE: August 18, 2016

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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	
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**APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On August 27, 2015, DoD issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of the Department of Defense Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). Applicant requested a decision on the written record. On June 8, 2016, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Jennifer I. Goldstein denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant’s appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains a statement detailing the current status of Applicant’s debts. The documents Applicant attaches in support of his efforts to resolve his financial situation post-date the Judge’s

decision. The Board cannot consider new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29.

The Board does not review a case *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. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Therefore, the decision of the Judge is AFFIRMED.

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