

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant did not make an allegation of harmful error by the Judge. Therefore, the Board has no authority under the Directive to review Applicant’s case. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 07-15592.a1

DATE: 01/29/2009

DATE: January 29, 2009

In Re:  -----  Applicant for Security Clearance	) ) ) ) ) ) )	ISCR Case No. 07-15592
---	---------------------------------	------------------------

**APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

James B. Norman, Esq., Chief Department Counsel

**FOR APPLICANT**

*Pro Se*

The Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On May 12, 2008, DOHA 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 the case be decided on the written record. On November 25, 2008, after considering the record, Administrative Judge Marc E. Curry 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 new evidence, in the form of an explanatory statement and documentary exhibits, which indicate that she has paid or otherwise resolved the debts listed in the SOR.

The Board cannot consider Applicant's new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. 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. It does not review cases *de novo*.<sup>1</sup> Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error. Therefore, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is AFFIRMED.

Signed: Michael Y. Ra'anan  
Michael Y. Ra'anan  
Administrative Judge  
Chairman, Appeal Board

Signed: Michael D. Hipple  
Michael D. Hipple  
Administrative Judge  
Member, Appeal Board

Signed: William S. Fields  
William S. Fields  
Administrative Judge  
Member, Appeal Board

---

<sup>1</sup>Applicant requested that the case be decided on the written record and did not respond to the government's file of relevant material (FORM). In her brief, she states that she misplaced the FORM package and then forgot about it. Applicant's Brief at 1.