

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: The Appeal Board’s authority to review cases is limited to those in which the appealing party has alleged harmful error. The Board cannot consider new evidence on appeal. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASE NO: 14-02768.a1

DATE: 07/01/2015

DATE: July 1, 2015

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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	

**APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

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*Pro se*

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On July 28, 2014, 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 hearing. On April 27, 2015, after the hearing, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Roger C. Wesley 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, his submission contains a narrative statement that summarizes the evidence presented at the hearing, updates his financial circumstances, and states that although he is currently unemployed, he intends to address his financial and credit obligations. As part of his submission, he attaches copies of exhibits that he introduced at the hearing. Decision at 2.

The Board cannot consider any new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Additionally, 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.

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

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