

requested a hearing he would have been better able to explain his circumstances. He admits that he was not familiar with the process, but he did not attribute this lack of understanding to any deficiency in the Guidance that he received from DOHA. Applicant requests that we permit him to submit new evidence. However, we are not permitted to receive or consider new evidence on appeal. Directive ¶ E3.1.29. We do not review cases *de novo*. Our scope of review is limited to cases in which the appealing party raises an issue of harmful error. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 15-01834 at 2 (App. Bd. Sep. 14, 2017). There being none, the decision is AFFIRMED.

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

Signed: James E. Moody
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