

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant did not raise an issue of harmful error. Our scope of authority is limited to cases in which the appealing party has raised such an issue. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASE NO: 15-04628.a1

DATE: 04/18/2017

DATE: April 18, 2017

In Re:  -----  Applicant for Security Clearance	) ) ) ) ) ) )	ISCR Case No. 15-04628
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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 January 17, 2016, 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 February 17, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Juan J. Rivera denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

In his Appeal Brief, Applicant states that he is appealing the Judge's decision because he feels that he did not make a strong enough case for the CAF to allow him to continue to hold a clearance. He also reiterates the statements he made in response to the government's File of Relevant Material (FORM) and offers new evidence in the form a narrative statement that he has developed a budget and intends to pay off his debts within 18 months. Applicant does not point to any specific error in the Judge's decision.

The Board does not review a case *de novo*. Additionally, it cannot receive and consider any new evidence on appeal. See Directive ¶ E3.1.29. The 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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Administrative Judge  
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