



The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On June 10, 2016, DoD issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) and Guideline E (Personal Conduct) of Department of Defense Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). Applicant requested a decision on the written record. On October 25, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge David M. White denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant did not respond to the File of Relevant Material, and his appeal brief asserts no harmful error by the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence about his debts, which we cannot consider. Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Moreover, his brief does not challenge the Judge’s adverse findings under Guideline E. Our authority to review a case is limited to those in which the appealing party has raised an issue of harmful error. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 15-08349 (App. Bd. Dec. 4, 2017).

### **Order**

The Decision is **AFFIRMED**.

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

Signed: James E. Moody  
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Administrative Judge  
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Signed: Charles C. Hale  
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