

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant’s appeal brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence in the form of a narrative statement about her efforts to resolve alleged debts and documents not previously submitted to the Judge. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 17-02675.a1

DATE: 06/14/2018

DATE: June 14, 2018

In Re:)	
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Applicant for Security Clearance)	

APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

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Pro se

The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On August 15, 2017, 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 March 30, 2018, after considering the record, Administrative Judge Juan J. Rivera denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant’s appeal brief raises no allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence in the form of a narrative statement about her efforts to resolve alleged debts and documents not previously submitted to the Judge, most of which post-date the Judge’s decision. The Board cannot consider Applicant’s new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29.

The Board does not review cases *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. Because Applicant has not made such an allegation of error, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is **AFFIRMED**.

Signed: Michael Ra’anan
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