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MSPB APPEAL FORM REVISED AND E-APPEAL ONLINE UPDATED

Today the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is implementing a new version of our appeal form (MSPB Form 185) which was approved today by the Office of Management and Budget. Our [e-Appeal Online](#) system for filing appeals has been updated to reflect the content of the new form. The new appeal form or e-Appeal Online should be used effective immediately.

The new appeal form represents over a year of effort—internally and via public comment—to update and improve the form. Revisions to the appeal form include:

- Streamlining and reorganizing the instructions;
- Updating appellant/agency information;
- Clarifying hearing request information;
- Providing information regarding affirmative defenses and particular classes of appeals (Individual Right of Action (IRA), Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), and Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA)) in a new Appendix A;
- Consolidating some sections and eliminating others where appropriate; and,
- Providing full contact information for each of the Board's regional and field offices in a new Appendix B.

MSPB Form 185 is posted on MSPB's website at <http://www.mspb.gov/appeals/forms.htm>.

Additional background on the process resulting in the revised appeal form is available at <http://www.mspb.gov/appeals/revisedappealform.htm>.

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.