

## **Official Notice**

The Board may take “official notice” of certain facts which are outside the record of the case being heard by the Board. Official notice is the counterpart in administrative proceedings to judicial notice. Official notice is the act by which the Board, in conducting a hearing or in framing a decision, will, without the production of evidence, recognize the existence and truth of certain facts relevant to the case before the Board for decision. These are facts which from their nature are not properly the subject of testimony, or which are universally regarded as established by common notoriety. Some examples are Board decisions, federal and state laws, historical events, the street layout of a town, main geographical features, the time of sunrise and sunset.