

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

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IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE 7, SECTION 7.01,  
RULES OF THE TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT

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No. 12011-01541-SC-R42-R4

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**ORDER**

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, § 7.01 governs the eligibility of graduates of law schools in foreign countries to take the Tennessee bar examination. The Court hereby amends Section 7.01 by changing the number of hours required to be completed from 27 to 24. The amended Section 7.01 shall read as follows:

**Sec. 7.01. Eligibility to Take Examination.** — Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.01 and § 2.02, an applicant who has completed a course of study in and graduated from a law school in a foreign country, which law school was then recognized and approved by the competent accrediting agency of such country, may qualify, in the discretion of the Board, to take the bar examination, provided that the applicant shall satisfy the Board that his or her undergraduate education and legal education were substantially equivalent to the requirements of this rule. In addition, the applicant shall also demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she has successfully completed at least 24 semester hours in residence at a law school approved by the American Bar Association or has successfully earned one-third of the credits necessary to graduate from a law school approved by the Board under § 2.03. An applicant who graduated from a law school in a foreign country shall also comply with the other pertinent provisions of this rule and shall be required to pass the bar examination.

This amendment shall take effect on September 1, 2011.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters. In addition, this order shall be posted on the Tennessee Supreme Court's website.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark  
CORNELIA A. CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE