

two years from the date that the Applicant is notified that the Applicant has passed the Texas Bar Examination, the Applicant's Texas Bar Examination score is void; provided, however, that the Board may waive this provision for good cause shown.

Rule 3

Law Study Requirement

- (a) The law study requirement for eligibility of an Applicant to take the Texas Bar Examination, unless otherwise provided in Rule 13, is met by:
- (1) graduation with a J.D. degree from an approved law school;
 - (2) satisfaction of all requirements for graduation from an approved law school with a J.D. degree; or
 - (3) study of law in an approved law school or schools by satisfying all requirements for graduation with a J.D. degree, except for not more than four semester hours or its equivalent in quarter hours; provided, however, that no person shall be licensed to practice law until graduation or satisfaction of all requirements for graduation, unless specifically excepted.
- (b) If a law school was an approved law school when the Applicant enrolled, the law school is deemed to be an approved law school as to that Applicant for four years thereafter, regardless of its status when the Applicant graduated. If a law school was an approved law school when the Applicant graduated, the Applicant is deemed to be a graduate of an approved law school, regardless of the status of the school when the Applicant enrolled.
- (c) If an Applicant graduated from a law school that was not an approved law school when the Applicant enrolled and was not an approved law school when the Applicant graduated, the Applicant is not a graduate of an approved law school even if the law school later became or becomes an approved law school.

Rule 4

Present Good Moral Character and Fitness Requirement

- (a) No one shall be eligible for admission to the Bar or for certification as a Foreign Legal Consultant until the investigation of such person's moral character and fitness has been completed, and it has been determined by the Board that such individual possesses present good moral character and fitness.
- (b) Good moral character is a functional assessment of character and fitness of a prospective lawyer. The purpose of requiring an Applicant to possess present good moral character is to exclude from the practice of law those persons possessing character traits that are likely to result in injury to future clients, in the obstruction