

# 7th Edition Rules Statement

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The release date for the [Magic: The Gathering--Seventh Edition game](#) is set for early April. The rules for this edition will be identical to the current rules. There won't be any major changes, and you can expect no changes at all to normal game play.

The next update to the [Comprehensive Rules](#) is scheduled for late April. This update is not connected to the release of the *Seventh Edition* set; the timing is purely coincidental. Future updates will also be unconnected to new **Magic** editions. Instead, they will be more closely linked to new expert-level expansions, to quickly incorporate the new mechanics into the rules.

The Comp. Rules have undergone improvements in five key areas. Each of these areas is one on which the **Magic** rules team will continue to work:

1. The rules for all abilities introduced in recent sets have been added to the Comp. Rules. They now provide full support for all current aspects of the game.
2. Likewise, the rules for older abilities and wordings have been added to the Comp. Rules, allowing them to cover every card ever printed. This includes complete rules for phasing, cumulative upkeep, and copy cards.
3. Many more rules have been clarified, with clean and clear wordings replacing previously confusing and ambiguous ones.
4. Several rules that weren't used to support any current cards have been repealed or altered. In each case, they were more confusing than they were useful. There will be a detailed explanation of these improvements in the upcoming April rules team release.
5. The glossary has been greatly expanded. It now covers all game-related words used in the Comp. Rules, plus many more used in card wordings.

I hope that most players won't even notice this update to the rulebook. We don't foresee any large-scale rules changes like those between the *Fifth Edition* and *Classic* (Sixth Edition) sets. Now and in the future, the emphasis will be on providing consistent rules for an ever-changing game.

If you have questions about any area of the rules, please ask the [judge](#) at your next tournament. Alternatively, ask one of our many netreps or rules gurus in our newsgroups and mailing lists.

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