

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA DATE: Nov. 27, 2012
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SUBJECT: Priority order of additions to authorized access points representing a person
(9.19.1.1, 9.19.1.5, 9.19.1.6)

Discussion of this proposal at the 2012 JSC meeting in Chicago raised some concerns that were to be addressed by a revision to the original proposal for 9.19.1.5 and 9.19.1.6:

- 1) Indicate more clearly that both a Period of Activity and a Profession or Occupation could be given, and
- 2) See if it is possible to avoid referring to one element in an instruction for another, such as providing an instruction about “Profession or Occupation” in an instruction for “Period of Activity,” and vice versa.

The first of the issues is most easily addressed—by introducing ‘and/or’ wording to the instructions. The second issue is more difficult to resolve. We have provided two options, Option A is similar to the original proposal, but adding the ‘and/or’ wording which addresses 1) above but not 2), and an Option B that combines the current 9.19.1.5 with 9.19.1.6 into a single instruction to resolve both of the issues noted above. There is precedence for this approach in the authorized access point instructions for corporate bodies. RDA 11.13.1.8 (Number, Date, and Location of a Conference, etc.) combines three RDA elements into a single authorized access point instruction: Place Associated with a Corporate Body (element at 11.3), Date Associated with a Corporate Body (11.4), and Number of a Conference (11.6).

We have also proposed an additional example for the Optional Addition of a Period of Activity instruction that shows *both* a Profession or Occupation added to break a conflict, *and* a Period of Activity added optionally.

We presume that the original proposal for 9.19.1.1, second paragraph is acceptable as proposed.

Proposed revisions

Revised Option A (Revise 9.19.1.5 and 9.19.1.6 refer to each other):

9.19.1.5 Period of Activity of the Person

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death) or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add a ~~term indicating~~ period of activity of the person (see [9.3.4 RDA](#)) and/or profession or occupation (see 9.16).

[rest of instruction/examples unchanged; add one new example to the *Optional Addition example block*:]

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9.19.1.6 Profession or Occupation

If none of the elements specified under [9.19.1.3 RDA](#) (date of birth and/or death); or [9.19.1.4 RDA](#) (fuller form of name); or [9.19.1.5 RDA](#) (period of activity of the person) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see [9.16 RDA](#))^{2012/01} and/or a period of activity of the person (see 9.3.4).

[examples unchanged]

Revised Option B (9.19.1.5 and 9.19.1.6 are combined):

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