

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Judith A. Kuhagen, Secretary, JSC
Subject: Post-nominal letters as Other Designation (Additional examples for RDA 9.6.1.9 and 9.19.1.7, and addition to Appendix E)

The text below reflects the decisions made by the Joint Steering Committee during its November 2014 meeting and via email after the meeting. Some of the changes in 9.19.1.7 are from 6JSC/BL/20/rev/Sec final.

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9.4.1.1 Scope

Title of the person▼ is a word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, ecclesiastical rank or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation.

Title of the person includes other terms indicative of rank, honour, or office, including initials and/or abbreviations representing an academic degree, or membership in an organization.

[last paragraph unchanged]

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9.4.1.9 Other Term of Rank, Honour, or Office

Record a term indicative of rank, honour, or office if the term appears with the name. Record the term in the language in which it was conferred or in the language used in the country in which the person resides.

EXAMPLE

[1st-3rd examples unchanged; additional examples added]

Ph. D.

Abbreviation for an academic degree

Ordine di Vittorio Veneto

An Italian order of knighthood

FRCVS

An award given by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

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9.19.1.7 Other Term of Rank, Honour, or Office

Add a term indicative of rank, honour, or office if the term appears with the name (see 9.4.1.9) if needed to distinguish one access point from another. Make this addition when the person's date of birth or date of death is not available (see 9.19.1.3).

EXAMPLE

Wood, John, Captain
"Captain," a term indicative of rank, added to distinguish the authorized access point from another

Shah, Seema, Ph. D.
Abbreviation for an academic degree added to distinguish the authorized access point from another

Optional Addition

[paragraph & 1st example below are from former 9.19.1.6]

Add a term indicative of rank, honour, or office even if there is no need to distinguish between access points.

EXAMPLE

Appleby, Robert, Sir
"Sir," a term of honour for a knight, added to help identify the person

Bennett, Carolyn, MP
Abbreviation for Member of Parliament added to help identify the person

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Glossary:

title of the person

A word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, ecclesiastical rank or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation.