

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative
Subject: Abbreviations in AACR3 – Principles

ACOC thanks CILIP for their analysis of abbreviations in AACR, and their recommendations. We would also like a general statement about the principles behind the use of abbreviations to be added to AACR3.

Responses to specific recommendations

1. Agree
2. Agree
3. Agree
4. Agree. However, ACOC notes that the use of lists of abbreviations that are maintained by other bodies may be an option in some cases.
5. For consistency, ACOC would prefer that abbreviations not be optional. We note that options can be problematic when used in areas of the description that are significant for record matching.
6. Agree
7. Agree, subject to the application of recommendation 3 regarding the minimisation of abbreviations.
8. Agree
9. ACOC is uncertain what “taken from any list applicable to Notes” would mean in practice.
10. Agree
11. Agree