

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Alan Danskin, British Library Representative  
**Subject:** Priority order for additions to authorized access points representing a person (Revision of RDA 9.19)

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The following revisions are based on the JSC discussion at the November 2014 meeting; the JSC will discuss these revisions via email.

The purpose of this proposal was to allow cataloguers greater latitude in the choice of elements and relative priority within an authorized access point.

JSC decided in principle that instructions concerning the construction of access points will be removed from RDA to enable them to be incorporated in application profiles. The timing and details of this change will be the subject of further consultation.

This decision and the discussion of responses received from constituencies resulted in changes to the original proposal. The revised proposal is documented below:

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## Summary of Changes

The following changes are proposed

1. Add additional sentences at 9.19.1.3 and 9.19.1.5 to instruct cataloguers to choose the most authoritative date.
2. Revert 9.19.1.5 into two instructions, numbered 9.19.1.5 and 9.19.1.6, and remove text: “Make this addition when the following elements are not available [...]”.
3. Re-number 9.19.1.6 to 9.19.1.7, and remove text: “Make this addition when the following elements are not available [...]”
4. Re-number 9.19.1.7 to 9.19.1.8, and remove text: “Make this addition when the following elements are not available [...]”

The following change has been withdrawn:

Remove text from 9.19.1.4: “Make this addition when the person’s date of birth or date of death is not available” is withdrawn.

## MARKED UP COPY

### 9.19.1.3 Date of Birth and/or Death

Add the date of birth (see 9.3.2) and/or date of death (see 9.3.3) if needed to distinguish one access point from another. If reference sources provide differing information about a person's birth or death date, use the most authoritative date. Record the year alone.

[Examples unchanged]

Add the month or month and day if needed to distinguish one access point from another.

[Examples unchanged]

### *Optional Addition*

Add the date of birth and/or death even if there is no need to distinguish between access points.

[Examples unchanged]

## 9.19.1.5 Period of Activity of the Person ~~and/or Profession or Occupation~~ <sup>2013/07</sup>

Add the period of activity of the person (see [9.3.4 RDA](#)) ~~or profession or occupation (see [9.16 RDA](#))~~ if needed to distinguish one access point from another. If reference sources provide differing information about a person's period of activity, use the most authoritative date or dates. ~~Make this addition when the following elements are not available:~~

~~date of birth and/or death (see [9.19.1.3 RDA](#))~~

~~or~~

~~fuller form of name (see [9.19.1.4 RDA](#)).~~

### EXAMPLE

#### ~~Addition of a Period of Activity~~

Smith, John, flourished 1705

Smith, John, active 1719–1758

Xu, Zhen, active 1377

Xu, Zhen, jin shi 1523

Allen, Charles, 17th century

Allen, Charles, 18th century–19th century

### EXAMPLE

#### ~~Addition of a Profession or Occupation~~

Johannes (Notary)  
A. K. (Musician)  
Chris (Rapper)  
Hancock, Mary (Architect)  
Butler, Jean (Composer)  
Hall, Daniel (Tax collector)  
Orr, Marjorie (Veterinarian)  
Watt, James (Gardener)  
Brown, Carol (Flutist)

#### *Optional Addition* **LC-PCC PS** **NLA PS**

Add the period of activity of the person ~~and/or profession or occupation in any order~~ even if there is no need to distinguish between access points.

#### EXAMPLE

Bal'amī Abū 'Alī Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad, flourished 946–973  
Aelfgifu, Queen, consort of Edwy, King of England, flourished 956  
Callistratus, of Aphidna, flourished 377 B.C.–361 B.C.  
Adam II, Abbot of Dore, flourished 1216–1226  
Cai, Shangxiang, jin shi 1761  
Zacharias (Notary), active 1232–1274

### 9.19.1.6 Profession or Occupation

Add the profession or occupation (see 9.16 **RDA**) if needed to distinguish one access point from another.

#### EXAMPLE

Johannes (Notary)  
A. K. (Musician)  
Chris (Rapper)  
Hancock, Mary (Architect)  
Butler, Jean (Composer)  
Hall, Daniel (Tax collector)  
Orr, Marjorie (Veterinarian)  
Watt, James (Gardener)  
Brown, Carol (Flutist)

#### *Optional Addition* **LC-PCC PS** **NLA PS**

Add the profession or occupation even if there is no need to distinguish between access points.

#### EXAMPLE

Anderson, Reid (Professor of graphic design)  
Ross, Anne (Production designer)  
Bergquist, Karin (Musician)

### 9.19.1.6 7 Other Term of Rank, Honour, or Office **2013/07**

Add a term indicative of rank, honour, or office if the term appears with the name (see [9.4.1.9 RDA](#)) if it is needed to distinguish one access point from another. ~~Make this addition when the following elements are not available:~~

~~date of birth and/or death (see [9.19.1.3 RDA](#))~~

~~fuller form of name (see [9.19.1.4 RDA](#))~~

~~or~~

~~period of activity of the person and/or profession or occupation (see [9.19.1.5 RDA](#)).~~

### *Optional Addition* LC-PCC PS

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

## 9.19.1.7 8 Other Designation

If none of the additions at [9.19.1.2 RDA](#)–[9.19.1.6 RDA](#) is sufficient or appropriate for distinguishing between the access points for two or more persons, add an appropriate designation (see [9.6.1.9 RDA](#)).

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#### **EXAMPLE**

Nichols, Chris (Of the North Oxford Association)

Lang, John (Brother of Andrew Lang)

Budd, Henry (Cree Indian)

Yaśodharā (Wife of Gautama Buddha)

Independent Burgess (Of Nottingham)

**[Note that consequent on approval of 9.19 an example illustrating the use of post nominal letters may be added]**

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### *Optional Addition*

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[Examples unchanged]

## 9.19.1.5 Period of Activity of the Person

Add the period of activity of the person (see [9.3.4 RDA](#)) if needed to distinguish one access point from another. If reference sources provide differing information about a person's period of activity, use the most authoritative date or dates.

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**9.19.1.7 Other Term of Rank, Honour, or Office** **2013/07**

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**9.19.1.8 Other Designation**

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