

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

**From:** Marg Stewart, CCC representative

**Subject: Revised proposal instruction 6.15.1.4, “Instrumental Music  
Intended for One Performer to a Part”**

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This revision incorporates changes discussed at the 2011 JSC meeting and requires a JSC response by January 9, 2012.

The following changes have been incorporated:

- Addition of reference to 6.15.1.13 at 6.15.1.4 (LC and ALA) *Note that this reference has been included at main instruction.*
- Deletion of “with or without figures, realized or unrealized” from continuo (LC)
- Revision of the wording of the last exception at 6.15.1.4.

To address the ACOC and National Library of New Zealand comments, the following revisions are proposed:

- Deletion of second exception at 6.15.1.4.
- Add continuo to the list of terms at 6.15.1.6.
- Replace the proposed continuo instruction at 6.15.4.1 with the following: If the medium includes a thorough bass part, record the name of the part as instructed under 6.15.1.6.
- Deletion of last instruction at 6.15.1.6.2; this is covered at 6.15.1.13.1. Additional example is proposed at 6.15.1.13.1.

***Proposed revision:***

6.15.1.13.1 One Family of Instruments, Collective Term, Etc.

[additional example]

bass instrument  
keyboard instrument  
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American hymns

6.15.1.4 Instrumental Music Intended for One Performer to a Part

For instrumental music intended for one performer to a part, record each instrument following the instructions given under 6.15.1.6 and 6.15.1.13.

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If the work is for a standard combination of instruments, follow the instructions given under 6.15.1.5.

If the medium includes instruments acting as an accompanying ensemble, record a term for the accompanying ensemble as instructed follow the instructions given under 6.15.1.7.

6.15.1.6 Individual Instruments

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cello *or* violoncello  
continuo (*not* basso continuo, figured bass *or* thorough bass)  
cor anglais *or* English horn  
double bass (*not* bass viol *or* contrabass)  
double bassoon *or* contrabassoon  
harpsichord (*not* cembalo *or* virginal)  
horn (*not* French horn)  
kettle drums *or* timpani  
viol (*for* sizes of *viola da gamba other than bass*)  
viola da gamba (*not* bass viol *or* gamba)  
viols (*for* viols of different sizes)

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piano  
piano, 4 hands  
pianos (2)  
pianos (2), 8 hands  
organs (2)

6.15.1.6.1 Application of Terms

Apply the terms listed as follows:

- a) Record *piano* for one instrument, two hands.
- b) Record *pianos (2)* for two instruments, four hands.

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