

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: Barbara Tillett, LC Representative  
Subject: Field of activity (9.15) and Profession/Occupation (9.16)

We thank John Attig for stepping in on behalf of CILIP to complete this revised proposal.

The proposal to delete 9.19.1.7 has impact on the RDA Toolkit, and we remind the JSC to engage in discussions on how best to accomplish that with ALA Publishing.

We include our comments on points #3 and #4 and some additional suggestions with the resulting instructions shown changed with **green highlighting**.

At the end, please note an additional 9.19.1.6 correction that needs to be done in relation to the other corrections for “profession or occupation”. We noticed 9.19.1.6 uses “term indicating” so have preferred that to “name” to avoid unnecessary confusion.

### #3

3. Add language to the instructions clarifying that Field of activity of the person contains the name of the field and that Profession or occupation contains the name of the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation [ALA response; changes highlighted in yellow in the revision below]

LC: To avoid using “name” for a field of activity or class of persons, we recommend using “term”, which is used elsewhere in RDA.

#### For Field of activity at 9.15.1.3:

We note Chris Oliver has reworded this to:

Record fields of activity as separate elements, as parts of access points, or as both. For additional instructions on recording a field of activity as part of the authorized access point, see <mref>9.19.1.2</mref>, <mref>9.19.1.7</mref>.

So perhaps this could be adjusted to say “Record the term for the field of activity ...” or “...the term indicating the field of activity... See more below at 9.15.1.3.

#### For Professions or Occupations at 9.16.1.3:

See further notes below under 9.16.1.3.

We note that the JSC agreed with the CCC to remove the Helen Gillespie example and to add two other examples from the CCC in 9.15.1.3. Those changes should be reflected in CILIP/3/Rev/2.

We also suggest dropping the Paper airplane example at 9.15.1.3, as the Field of activity would more likely be ‘Paper airplane hobby’ or some such activity, but it throws in some ambiguity that is not necessary and better to just drop it in our view.

### #4

4. Question: Should any of the examples from 9.19.1.7 [being deleted] be moved to 9.19.1.6? What should be the authorized access points for these persons?

LC: No, there are enough examples at 9.16.1.6 already. (By the way, those forms in 9.19.1.7 already are for authorized access points.)

LC also has further comments as shown below.

### 9.15.1.3: Proposed revision

RDA now reads:

#### 9.15.1.3 Recording the Fields of Activity of the Person

Record the field or fields of endeavour, area or areas of expertise, etc., in which the person is engaged or was engaged.

We note that the element can be repeated, so we do not need to say field or fields, area or areas... and we mostly want to instruct people to use a term for the field of activity.

Chris Oliver has suggested:

Record fields of activity as separate elements, as parts of access points, or as both. For additional instructions on recording a field of activity as part of the authorized access point, see <mref>9.19.1.2</mref>, <mref>9.19.1.7</mref>.

Recognizing that the JSC agreed to remove “Field of activity” from being added to an authorized access point, we suggest modifying Chris Oliver’s wording to:

Record **a term for the field** of activity as **a separate element**

We agree with correcting the examples as in 6JSC/CILIP/3/Rev, but remove the Helen Gillespie example and add the two more CCC examples per agreement in Glasgow. We recommend deleting the Paper airplane example, as it is too ambiguous and not needed. We also suggest dropping Science vs. superstition on the final example in RDA, as it also brings in confusion and is not necessary to show there can be more than one term provided.

#### EXAMPLE

Anglo-Norman poetry

**Preferred name recorded as:** Thomas

~~Crow~~ Indian chief

**Preferred name recorded as:** Spotted Horse

~~Biblical~~ prophet

**Preferred name recorded as:** Isaiah

**Owner of Dance news Journalism**

**Preferred name recorded as:** Gillespie, Helen

Stamp collector collecting

**Preferred name recorded as:** Lang, Peter

~~Fire~~-eater

~~Preferred name recorded as: Powell, Robert~~

Lesbian rights activist

~~Preferred name recorded as: Martin, Del~~

~~Charity quiltmaker~~ Quiltmaking

~~Preferred name recorded as: Bilyeu, Michele~~

~~Paper airplane airplanes hobbyist~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Dewar, Andrew~~

~~Star trek fan site webmaster~~

~~Preferred name recorded as: Belgarath Silverthorn~~

Fiction writer writing

Music critic criticism

Consultant on science Science vs. superstition

~~Preferred name recorded as: Haldeman, Philip~~

[Add the two other CCC examples]

Indicate the source from which the information on field of activity was derived applying the instructions given under [8.12](#).

### 9.15.1.3: Clean copy

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#### Recording the Fields of Activity of the Person

**Record a term for the field of activity as a separate element.**

EXAMPLE

Anglo-Norman poetry

**Preferred name recorded as: Thomas**

Stamp collecting

**Preferred name recorded as: Lang, Peter**

Quiltmaking

**Preferred name recorded as: Bilyeu, Michele**

Fiction writing

Music criticism

**Preferred name recorded as: Haldeman, Philip**

[Add the two other CCC examples]

Indicate the source from which the information on field of activity was derived applying the instructions given under [8.12](#).

### 9.16.1.3: Proposed revision

RDA now reads:

### 9.16.1.3 Recording Professions or Occupations

Record the profession or occupation in which the person works or has worked.

Chris Oliver has suggested rewording as:

Record professions or occupations as separate elements, as parts of access points, or as both. For additional instructions on recording a profession or occupation as part of the authorized access point, see <mref>9.19.1.2</mref>, <mref>9.19.1.6</mref>.

We suggest modifying Chris Oliver's wording to:

Record a term for the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person as a separate element, as part of an access point, or as both. For additional instructions on recording a profession or occupation as part of the authorized access point, see <mref>9.19.1.2</mref>, <mref>9.19.1.6</mref>.

The examples remain as now in RDA.

We do not agree to adding the "not" list at the end. We do not recall the JSC talking about this, and it muddies the waters.

#### EXAMPLE

Notary

**Preferred name recorded as:** Johannes

Writer

**Preferred name recorded as:** River

Poet

**Preferred name recorded as:** Blue

Rapper

**Preferred name recorded as:** PSK-13

Disc jockey

**Preferred name recorded as:** D:Fuse

Musician

**Preferred name recorded as:** Big Hand

Composer

**Preferred name recorded as:** Butler, Jean

Tax collector

**Preferred name recorded as:** Hall, Daniel

Veterinarian

**Preferred name recorded as:** Orr, Marjorie

Architect

**Preferred name recorded as:** Hadid, Zaha

Author

Folklorist

Anthropologist

**Preferred name recorded as:** Hurston, Zora Neale

~~not~~ Poetry  
 Music  
 Veterinary medicine  
 Architecture  
 Folklore  
 Anthropology

Indicate the source from which the information on profession or occupation was derived applying the instructions given under [8.12](#).

### 9.16.1.3: Clean copy

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Record a term for the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person as a separate element, as part of an access point, or as both. For additional instructions on recording a profession or occupation as part of the authorized access point, see [9.19.1.2](#), [9.19.1.6](#).

EXAMPLE [without the "not" list and otherwise no change through the end of 9.16.1.3]

LC: We agree with the remainder of the corrections as shown on 6JSC/CILIP/3/Rev, but also note cleanup needed at 9.19.1.6 as follows.

#### 9.19.1.6 Proposed Revision (Marked up version only)

RDA now reads:

##### 9.19.1.6 Profession or Occupation

If none of the elements specified under 9.19.1.3 (date or birth and/or death), 9.19.1.4 (fuller form of name), or 9.19.1.5 (period of activity of the person) is available to distinguish one access point from another, add a term indicating the profession or occupation of the person (see 9.16)

Chris Oliver's rewording (with suggested modification shown in double underline and green highlighting):

Add a term indicating the class of persons engaged in the profession or occupation of the person (see [9.16](#)), if needed. Make this

addition to distinguish one access point from another when the following elements are not available: <list type="simple">date of birth and/or death <mref>9.19.1.3</mref> </list> <list type="simple">fuller form of name <mref>9.19.1.4</mref> </list><op> or</op><list type="simple">period of activity of the person <mref>9.19.1.5</mref>.</list>

[no change to examples, unless we want to add all those under 9.16.1.3]