



**Program for
Cooperative Cataloging**

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PCC's Implementation of Official RDA

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Outline

- Required documentation and training
- Preparing training for official RDA
- Preparing for implementation

Required Documentation and Training

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PCC Documentation and Training

As part of its implementation of the official RDA Toolkit, PCC is committed to providing the following documentation and training:

- LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)
- Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGDs)
- Metadata Application Profiles (MAPs)
- Guidelines for working with RDA (original and official) and non-RDA records, including hybrid records with official RDA elements
- Training for cataloging print and electronic books and serials
- Training for creating and updating LC/NACO authority records

Required BIBCO Documentation and Training

Before implementing official RDA for **monographs**, PCC will provide the following documentation and training:

- BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) Official RDA Metadata Application Profile
- Guidelines for working with RDA and non-RDA records, as well as hybrid records
- Bridge training for experienced catalogers to catalog print and electronic books in MARC 21
- Full training for newer catalogers to catalog print and electronic books in MARC 21

Required CONSER Documentation and Training

Before implementing official RDA for **serial and integrating works**, PCC will provide the following documentation and training:

- CONSER Standard Record (CSR) Official RDA Metadata Application Profile
- Guidelines for working with RDA and non-RDA records, including hybrid records
- CONSER Guidelines for Working with Existing Copy
- Bridge training for experienced catalogers to catalog print and electronic serial and integrating works in MARC 21
- Full training for newer catalogers to catalog print and electronic serial and integrating works in MARC 21

Required NACO Documentation and Training

Before implementing official RDA for **name authorities**, PCC will provide the following documentation and training:

- Metadata application profiles for name authorities
- Guidelines for working with RDA and non-RDA records, including hybrid records
- Bridge training for experienced catalogers to create and update name authority records
- Full training for newer catalogers to create and update name authority records

When should PCC institutions plan to implement official RDA?

Dates will be announced when BIBCO, CONSER, and NACO records can be created using official RDA. These dates will vary for each program based on the availability of documentation and training.

Until instructed otherwise, PCC records should continue to be created using the original RDA Toolkit.

Preparing Training for Official RDA

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Goals of PCC Official RDA Training

- To be able to catalog resources and create name authority records using the official RDA Toolkit, LC-PCC metadata application profiles, LC-PCC Policy Statements, and Metadata Guidance Documentation
- Understand key terminology and concepts
- Use and navigate the official RDA Toolkit
- Interpret, understand, and apply options and LC-PCC PSs
- Use PCC documentation in conjunction with the RDA Toolkit
- Encode values of RDA elements in MARC bibliographic and authority records

Training Task Groups

SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs

- Developing training for PCC participants to catalog print and electronic books using the official RDA Toolkit, LC-PCC Application Profile, LC-PCC Policy Statements, and LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documents

SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities

- Developing training for PCC participants to create and update name authority records (NARs) in the LC/NACO Authority File (NAF) using the official RDA Toolkit, LC-PCC Policy Statements, and LC-PCC Metadata Guidance Documents

CONSER training for serials is planned, but not yet started

Training Deliverables

Full training

- For less experienced catalogers new to RDA or PCC
- Also, for experienced catalogers who want a refresher

Bridge training

- A subset of the full training focusing on where there is a difference in practice from original RDA
- For experienced catalogers transitioning from original RDA to official RDA

Monographs Full Training Outline

1. Introduction to RDA
2. Using RDA Toolkit
3. PCC documentation
4. Recording basics
 - Choice of RDA elements
 - Recording data provenance
 - Recording unstructured descriptions
 - Recording structured descriptions
 - Recording identifiers
 - Recording IRIs
 - Recording relationships
5. Describing manifestations
6. Describing works
7. Describing expressions
8. Describing aggregates
9. Special topics

Cataloging Process for Official RDA

1. Consult the appropriate metadata application profile to identify elements to record
2. Review RDA instructions and LC-PCC Policy Statements
3. Review appropriate Metadata Guidance Documentation linked from the LC-PCC PSs
4. Determine the value to record
5. Record the value in MARC record

Tentative Implementation Timeline for PCC

- June 2026: Finalize official RDA Metadata Application Profiles
- Summer 2026: Release bridge and full training for monographs and name authority records
- Fall/winter 2026: Provide bridge and full training webinars for monographs and name authority records
- May 2027: Original RDA Toolkit will no longer be available via the web, but PDF files will be available
- TBD: CONSER training for serials and integrating works

Preparing for Implementation

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How can institutions prepare to implement official RDA? ^(1/4)

- Become familiar with key terminology and concepts by completing the following PCC trainings:
 - [What is IFLA/LRM?](#)
 - An introduction to the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM), the conceptual model underlying official RDA
 - [Phase 1: PCC Introductory RDA Training](#)
 - Introductory RDA training to be able to identify key changes introduced in official RDA, use and navigate the RDA Toolkit, understand new concepts, and define key vocabulary terms
 - [Phase 1: PCC Introductory RDA Training Webinars](#)
 - Recordings of the Phase 1: PCC Introductory RDA Training

How can institutions prepare to implement official RDA? (2/4)

- For more practical training, review the workshop materials from [A Joint Workshop with NARDAC and PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs](#) from June 2025
 - Documentation used by PCC catalogers
 - Review of RDA concepts
 - Cataloging an ebook
 - Describing the manifestation
 - Describing the aggregating work & aggregating expression
 - Describing an aggregated work & aggregated expression
 - Recording data provenance
 - Exercises include the ebook used for the demonstration in the slides, as well as a few other examples for hands-on practice

How can institutions prepare to implement official RDA? ^(3/4)

- Review the [Changes from Original RDA for Monographs: Report](#)
- Attend presentation **Getting Started with Official RDA: Changes from Original RDA** at [PCC At Large Virtual Conference](#) on April 22

How can institutions prepare to implement official RDA? (4/4)

- Attend the RDA preconference workshop [Practice Cataloging Using Official RDA](#) at ALA Annual in Chicago on Friday, June 26, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 - Gain hands-on experience cataloging resources and creating name authority records using the official RDA Toolkit and related PCC documentation, including LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs) and Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGDs)
 - This is a joint workshop with the PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs, the PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities, and the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)
 - Register for ALA Annual 2026 and the preconference workshop at [ALA 2026 Registration Rates](#)
 - This is a paid, in-person event. Register before April 24 for reduced rates

FAQs on Official RDA Implementation

<https://bit.ly/PCC-RDA-FAQ>

- What is official RDA versus original RDA?
- What are some notable changes from original RDA to official RDA?
- What documentation and training will PCC provide?
- What documentation and training will PCC provide for BIBCO/CONSER/NACO before implementing official RDA?
- What documentation and training are currently available from PCC?
- Where is there a list of past presentations about official RDA?
- What is PCC doing to prepare for official RDA implementation?
- When should PCC institutions plan to implement the official RDA Toolkit?
- Where should I send questions and feedback?

Feedback

- Submit feedback and questions via the PCC RDA Communications Committee Feedback Form: <https://bit.ly/PCC-RDA-Feedback-Form>
- Type of feedback:
 - LC-PCC Policy Statement revision
 - Metadata Guidance Document (MGD) revision
 - PCC RDA Training feedback
 - Changes from Original RDA for Monographs: Report feedback
 - Question
 - Feedback