



Updates from the RDA Implementation Task Group

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- Library of Congress
- PCC Policy Committee (PoCo)
- PCC RDA Communications Committee
- PCC Working Group on Metadata Application Profiles
- Standing Committee on Standards (SCS)
- SCS CONSER Documentation Modernization Task Group
- SCS Task Group on Descriptive Standards in Hybrid Records
- SCS Task Group on Provider Neutral MARC Record Guidelines for Monographic E-Resources in Official RDA
- SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs
- SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities
- RBMS RDA Editorial Group (DCRMR)

Implementation of Official RDA

As part of its implementation of the official RDA Toolkit, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) is committed to providing documentation and training, including the following:

- 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

Documentation

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

- Ongoing updates to LC-PCC PSs based on work from PTCP staff and feedback submitted via the [PCC RDA Communications Committee Feedback Form](#)
- Updates coincide with RDA Toolkit releases in February, June, and October
- June 2026 release: 316 LC-PCC PS revisions, many of which were updates to reflect the choice of vocabulary encoding scheme

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

Choice of Vocabulary Encoding Scheme (1/5)

Entities > [Expression](#) > [content type](#)

content type

Recording a structured description

OPTION

Record an appropriate term from the [RDA Content Type](#)  *vocabulary encoding scheme*:

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Record a term from another appropriate *vocabulary encoding scheme*. For general guidance, see [Guidance: Introduction to RDA. Data elements. Data values](#) .

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

Choice of Vocabulary Encoding Scheme (2/5)

Entities > [Expression](#) > [content type](#)

content type

Select Policy Statement Set (6)

LC-PCC PS (17)



Recording a structured description

OPTION

Record an appropriate term from the [RDA Content Type](#)  *vocabulary encoding scheme*:

cartographic dataset

cartographic image

cartographic moving image

cartographic tactile image

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LC-PCC

LC/PCC practice: Cataloger's judgment. Apply the option instead of or in addition to applying the option to record a term from another appropriate vocabulary encoding scheme.

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

Choice of Vocabulary Encoding Scheme (3/5)

Entities > [Expression](#) > [content type](#)

content type

Select Policy Statement Set (6)

LC-PCC PS (17)



OPTION

Record a term from another appropriate *vocabulary encoding scheme*. For general guidance, see [Guidance: Introduction to RDA. Data elements. Data values](#) → [Data values](#).

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LC-PCC

LC/PCC practice: Cataloger's judgment. Apply the option instead of or in addition to applying the option to record a term from the RDA vocabulary encoding scheme.

LC/PCC practice: Record a term from the [Term and Code List for RDA Content Types](#) or its [LC Linked Data Service](#) equivalent.

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

Choice of Vocabulary Encoding Scheme (4/5)

Recording Method	VES	Example
Structured description	RDA Content Type	336 ## \$a text \$2 rdaco
	Term and Code List for RDA Content Types	336 ## \$a text \$2 rdacontent
Identifier (Code)	RDA Content Type	336 ## \$a text \$b 1020 \$2 rdaco
	Term and Code List for RDA Content Types	336 ## \$a text \$b txt \$2 rdacontent
Identifier (URI)	RDA Content Type	336 ## \$a text \$2 rdaco \$0 http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAContentType/1020
	Term and Code List for RDA Content Types	336 ## \$a text \$2 rdacontent \$0 http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/contentTypes/txt

LC-PCC Policy Statements (LC-PCC PSs)

Choice of Vocabulary Encoding Scheme (5/5)

- aspect ratio designation
- bibliographic format
- broadcast standard
- carrier type
- cartographic data type
- configuration of playback channels
- content type
- file type
- font size
- form of musical notation
- form of notated movement
- form of tactile notation
- format of notated music
- frequency
- generation
- groove pitch
- groove width
- illustrative content
- interactivity mode
- layout
- material
- media type
- polarity
- presentation format
- production method
- recording medium
- recording source
- reduction ratio designation
- regional encoding
- scale designation
- sound content
- special playback characteristic
- track configuration
- type of binding
- type of recording
- video format

Metadata Guidance Documentation (MGDs)

- Ongoing updates to MGDs based on work from PTCP staff and feedback submitted via the [PCC RDA Communications Committee Feedback Form](#)
- SCS Metadata Guidance Documentation Subgroup
 - Working on major revisions to MGDs, such as rewriting large sections, creating thorough examples, and writing new MGDs
 - Work assigned based on feedback submitted to the PCC RDA Communications Committee

Metadata Application Profiles (MAPs)

- BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) Official RDA Metadata Application Profile
 - SCS Working Group on Metadata Application Profiles
 - Beta Version: [Introduction](#) | [BSR for Official RDA](#)
 - Feedback can be submitted via [PCC RDA Communications Committee Feedback Form](#)
- CONSER Standard Record (CSR) Official RDA Metadata Application Profile
 - SCS Working Group on Metadata Application Profiles
- NACO Official RDA Metadata Application Profiles
 - SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities

Other PCC Task Groups and Documentation

- SCS CONSER Documentation Modernization Task Group
 - Identify current CONSER documentation needing correction, clarification, or possible elimination, to be aligned with official RDA, primarily the CONSER Editing Guide and CONSER Cataloging Manual
- SCS Task Group on Descriptive Standards in Hybrid Records
 - Update guidelines for working with pre-RDA, original RDA, and official RDA standards in hybrid resource descriptions

Are PCC institutions required to have a subscription to the official RDA Toolkit? (1/2)

Yes

Are PCC institutions required to have a subscription to the official RDA Toolkit? (2/2)

- There are some expenses associated with PCC membership, including subscriptions to required cataloging documentation (see [Join the PCC](#))
- The official RDA Toolkit is an essential resource for implementing official RDA and for ongoing cataloging using the standard
- All PCC documentation and training materials are to be used in conjunction with the official RDA Toolkit and are not intended to be separate, stand-alone documents

Training

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 in Development

- 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 is planned, but not yet started

Types of Training

- Full training
 - For less experienced catalogers new to RDA or PCC
 - Also, for experienced catalogers who want a refresher or more in-depth training
- Bridge training
 - A subset of the full training focusing on elements where there is a difference in practice
 - For experienced catalogers transitioning from original RDA to official RDA

Training Materials

- Slides
 - Freely available slides with speaker notes to support self-study or presenting to colleagues in your institution or beyond
- Exercises
 - To practice navigating the official RDA Toolkit and applying the instructions
- Webinars
 - Free webinars to present content from the slides and answer questions
 - Will be recorded for later viewing

Order of Training

- Monographic bibliographic records before name authority records
 - Monographs training will include training on general RDA concepts that will serve as a foundation for all other official RDA training
- Bridge training will be presented before full training
 - Most catalogers are likely interested in the bridge training
 - Catalogers who would like more in-depth training after the bridge training will be able to attend the full training when it is presented

Required BIBCO Training

- If released from review or currently under review for original RDA, you must complete one of the following:
 - BIBCO bridge training
 - Full BIBCO training for cataloging print and electronic books using official RDA
- If new to BIBCO, you must complete the full BIBCO training for official RDA
- Required training generally requires attending or viewing the recordings of the corresponding webinars

Required CONSER Training

- If released from review or currently under review for original RDA, you must complete one of the following:
 - CONSER bridge training
 - Full CONSER training for cataloging print and electronic serial and integrating works using official RDA
- If new to CONSER, you must complete the full CONSER training for official RDA
- Required training generally requires attending or viewing the recordings of the corresponding webinars

Required NACO Training

- If released from review or currently under review for original RDA, you must complete one of the following:
 - NACO bridge training
 - Full NACO training for creating and updating name authority records using official RDA
- If new to NACO, you must complete the full NACO training for official RDA
- Required training generally requires attending or viewing the recordings of the corresponding webinars

Tracking PCC Training Completion

- PCC catalogers are expected to complete required training for official RDA before contributing official RDA records
- PCC will not track which individuals or institutions have completed the required training
- Instead, PCC will occasionally survey the membership to identify the rate of implementation and any potential barriers

Record Review Process

- If you were previously released from review for original RDA, you will not have to undergo review for official RDA
 - Differences in MARC bibliographic and authority records between original RDA and official RDA are limited
- If you were not released from review under original RDA, you must have your records reviewed under official RDA following existing processes

Implementation

Basic Implementation Principles

- PCC catalogers should be able to contribute official RDA records after they have completed the required training
- Implementation will take place over time
- During the transition period, PCC catalogers may create some records using official RDA and other records using original RDA

Official RDA BIBCO Records and Original RDA NACO Records

- May contribute BIBCO records created using official RDA after completing the required BIBCO training and before completing the required NACO training
- In this interim period, you would contribute BIBCO records using official RDA and NACO records using original RDA
- After completing the required NACO training, both BIBCO and NACO records should be created using official RDA

Not Necessary to Re-evaluate and Recode Original RDA NACO Records

- Descriptions created following PCC's implementation of official RDA will use two description convention source codes:

040 \$e **rda** \$e **pccrda**

- If there is an original RDA name authority record in the LC/NACO Authority File:
 - Use that authorized access point in official RDA bibliographic records
 - Do not re-evaluate or recode the authority record for official RDA
 - Do not add 040 \$e **pccrda**

Official RDA NACO Records and Original RDA Bibliographic Records

- May contribute NACO records created using official RDA after completing the required NACO training, even if not ready to implement official RDA for all formats
- In the interim, you may create NACO authority records using official RDA and bibliographic records using original RDA
- Eventually, all PCC records should be contributed using official RDA

Tentative Implementation Timeline for PCC

- End of 2026: Release bridge and full training for monographs and name authority records
- Early 2027: Provide bridge and full training webinars for monographs and name authority records
- May 12, 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

When should PCC institutions plan to implement the official RDA Toolkit?

- 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**

Deadline for Implementing Official RDA

- PCC will announce dates when BIBCO, CONSER, and NACO records can start to be created using official RDA
- At some point after the initial implementation date, PCC will announce dates when BIBCO, CONSER, and NACO records must be contributed using official RDA and can no longer be contributed using original RDA
- These dates may consider the number of institutions that have successfully implemented official RDA, as well as barriers or challenges to implementation

How can institutions prepare to implement the official RDA Toolkit? (1/7)

- 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 the official RDA Toolkit? (2/7)

- 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 the official RDA Toolkit? (3/7)

- For more hands-on practice, review the slides and complete the exercises from this year's preconference workshop [Practice Cataloging using Official RDA](#)
 - Slides
 - Recording unstructured descriptions
 - Recording structured descriptions
 - Recording identifiers
 - Recording data provenance
 - Exercises
 - Books: Print books, ebook
 - Music: Scores, audio recordings
 - Video: Streaming video, DVD
 - Subfolders for Authorities with each exercise

How can institutions prepare to implement the official RDA Toolkit? (4/7)

- Review the [Changes from Original RDA for Monographs: Report](#)
 - Informs PCC and the larger cataloging community of changes from original RDA to official RDA for monographs and the impact of those changes on PCC practices
 - Serves as a reference for experienced RDA catalogers to look up common terms and elements from original RDA and find their corresponding term or element in official RDA
 - Illustrates how values of official RDA elements may be encoded in MARC 21 bibliographic records when there are possible changes from original RDA

How can institutions prepare to implement the official RDA Toolkit? (5/7)

- Watch the presentation from the PCC At Large Virtual Conference
Getting Started with Official RDA: Changes from Original RDA
 - [Slides](#) | [Recording](#) (Passcode: *#HQ6!g.)
 - Intended as an introduction to some of the changes from original RDA, particularly for those who haven't been closely following the development of official RDA

How can institutions prepare to implement the official RDA Toolkit? (6/7)

- Review recent presentations on the [Official RDA Presentations](#) page on the [PCC Wiki](#)
 - Maintained by the PCC RDA Implementation Task Group
 - Includes presentations presented to PCC or by PCC members about official RDA and PCC's implementation of official RDA
 - Includes materials from preconference workshops presented at the ALA Annual Conference and the Ontario Library Association Super Conference

How can institutions prepare to implement the official RDA Toolkit? (7/7)

- Review **PCC RDA Communications Bulletins** posted on the [PCC RDA Communications Committee](#) page on the PCC website
 - Include recent developments and notable changes about PCC's implementation of official RDA
 - Announcements are sent to various listservs when a new bulletin is available
 - Next bulletin: July 2026

FAQs on Official RDA Implementation

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

- Changes from Original RDA
 - What is official RDA versus original RDA?
 - What are some notable changes from original RDA to official RDA?
- Documentation and Training
 - Are PCC institutions required to have a subscription to the official RDA Toolkit?
 - What documentation and training will PCC provide?
 - What documentation and training are currently available from PCC?
 - Where is there a list of past presentations about official RDA?
- Implementation
 - 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
 - BSR Official RDA Metadata Application Profile revision
 - PCC RDA Training feedback
 - Changes from Original RDA for Monographs: Report feedback
 - Question
 - Feedback