

Summary of RDA Updates (July 2013)

This table lists changes to RDA for the July 2013 release. Changes that are the result of the Constituent Proposal process will be marked with the “revision history” icon in the RDA Toolkit. The more important changes for LC catalogers are shaded yellow below.

RDA instruction number	Summary
	Structure
0.5	Revised wording about Appendixes B and C to be consistent with changes in those Appendixes
	Core Elements
0.6.4	Added information about “title of the person” reflecting changes in Chapter 9; changed “Date associated with the corporate body” to specific types of dates; changed “Associated institution” to list location of conference and location of headquarters separately
	Changes Requiring a New Description
1.6.2.2	Changed caption to “Change in Carrier Characteristics of a Serial” and added new paragraph about change in carrier type for an online serial
	Basis for Identification
2.1.2.2	Added information about choosing a source of information identifying the predominant work when there is none identifying the resource as a whole (for resources issued as a single unit)
2.1.2.3	Reordered situations a-c and split old situation d into 2: d) source identifying predominant work and e) no source identifying predominant work (for resources issues in more than one part)
	Sources of Information
2.2.2.1	New e.g. example added about CDs in clamshell box to illustrate containers issued with the resource
2.2.2.2	Added “jacket” as a preferred source for resources without a title page, etc.
2.2.2.3	Added instruction about source with collective title
2.2.2.3.1	New instruction called “Tangible Resources”
2.2.2.3.2	New instruction called “Online Resources” with first preferred source of information a source textual content with a title then embedded metadata
2.2.2.4	New instruction added about source with collective title; new sub-instructions added
2.2.2.4.1	New instruction called “Tangible Resources”
2.2.2.4.2	New instruction called “Online Resources” with first preferred source of information a source textual content with a title then embedded metadata

2.2.3.1	Added category e) for tete-beche from LC-PCC PS
2.2.4	Changed order of preference for other sources of information
	Title
2.3.1.1	Revised “in the resource itself” to “in sources of information” in 2nd paragraph
2.3.2.5	Deleted last sentence in exception about recording acronym/initialism as other title information; now follow basic instruction for all resources, including serials and integrating resources
2.3.3.2	Added instruction about parallel title proper taken from outside the resource
	Edition Statement
2.5.1.4	New Optional Addition for supplied edition statement from LC-PCC PS
	Copyright Date
2.11.1.3	Added instruction about recording multiple copyright dates applying to different aspects of publication
	Series Statement
2.12.8.2	Added order of preference for sources for ISSN of series and expanded sources
2.12.8.3	Reworded for consistency
2.12.16.2	Added order of preference for sources for ISSN of subseries ad expanded sources
2.12.16.3	Reworded for consistency
	General Guidelines on Describing Carriers
3.1.6.1	Added exception for serials paralleling 1.6.2.2
	Extent
3.4.1.3	Added Alternative for term in common usage (moved from 3.4.1.5)
3.4.1.5	Caption changed to “Units Cannot be Named Concisely”; instructions about term in common usage deleted (moved to 3.4.1.3)
3.4.1.11.2	Reworded to reflect change in Appendix B for symbols
3.4.5.2	Clarified a) for numbered pages and b) for numbered leaves; new instruction about numbered as leaves with text on both sides (for single volume with numbered leaves pages, etc.)
3.4.5.3	Clarified a) for unnumbered pages and b) for unnumbered leaves (for single volume with unnumbered leaves pages, etc.)
3.4.5.5	Revised 1st example (for misleading numbering)
	Dimensions
3.5.1.3	Reworded to reflect change in Appendix B for symbols
	Layout
3.11.1.1	Expanded scope of “layout” to include “tactile notation”
3.11.1.3	List of terms and examples from 3.11.2, 3.11.3, and 3.11.4 moved here to incorporate all types of layout in instruction

3.11.2	Deleted (moved to 3.11.1.3)
3.11.3	Deleted (moved to 3.11.1.3)
3.11.4	Deleted (moved to 3.11.1.3 and 3.13.1.3)
	Font Size
3.13.1.1	Added wording about braille
3.13.1.3	“Jumbo braille” added to terms (moved from 3.11.4.3)
	Sound Characteristic
3.16.4.1	Changed reference to reflect change in 3.19.7
	Digital File Characteristic
3.19.1.1	Revised to reflect changed in 3.19.7
3.19.1.3	Revised to reflect changed in 3.19.7
3.19.7	Changed to “Encoded Bitrate” (was Transmission Speed)
3.19.7.1	Revised to match 3.19.7
3.19.7.2	Revised to match 3.19.7
3.19.7.3	Revised to match 3.19.7
	Note on Manifestation or Item
3.22.2.11	New examples added
	Title of the Work
6.2.2.4	Added paragraph from LC-PCC PS Language Editions with Different Titles
6.2.2.10.2	Added “Librettos” and “Lyrics” to list of terms
6.10.1.1	Date of expression definition expanded
6.11	Deleted blue conditional (“core if”) for the CORE statement
6.12.1.4	Deleted to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute (and already covered in 6.2.2.9.2)
	Title of a Musical Work
6.14.2.7.2	Instruction changed to record title for each part; new Alternative to record “Selections”
6.14.2.8.3	Changed to “Complete Works for One Broad Medium”; example box deleted and terms made into list
6.14.2.8.4	Changed to “Complete Works for One Specific Medium ”; example box deleted and terms made into list
6.14.2.8.5	Changed to “Complete Works of One Type for One Specific Medium or Various Media ”; example box deleted and terms made into list
6.14.2.8.6	Added example in Alternative
	Medium of Performance
6.15.1.3	Added reference to 7.21

	Numeric Designation of a Musical Work
6.16.1.3	Added instruction about inclusive numbering
6.16.1.3.1	Example added
6.16.1.3.3	Examples added
	Other Distinguishing Characteristic of a Legal Work
6.21.1.3	Added instructions for treaties to use word(s) from title proper to differentiate
	Title of a Religious Work
6.23.2.9.3	Revised references to reflect changes at 6.23.2.9.6 and 6.23.2.9.7
6.23.2.9.6	Changed to “Two or More Complete Selections from the Bible” (formerly Two or More Selections)
6.23.2.9.7	Changed to “Other Selections from the Bible” (formerly Other Selections); instruction changed to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute; examples changed
6.23.2.10	Revised reference to reflect change at 6.23.2.10.3
6.23.2.10.3	Added “from the Talmud” to caption; instruction changed to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute; examples changed
	Other Distinguishing Characteristic of the Expression of a Religious Work
6.25.1.5	Deleted to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute; now covered by 6.23.2.9.7
	Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Works and Expressions
6.27.1.8	Added example
6.27.2.3	Revised Alternative to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute;
6.27.4.1	Added “lyrics” after “librettos” in 5th paragraph
6.27.4.2	Added “lyrics” after “librettos” in caption and instructions; last example changed; new instruction added about not applying when music composer and text author are the same
6.27.4.5	Example changed
	Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Musical Works and Expressions
6.28.1.1	Revised to add “lyrics” after “librettos” in 4th paragraph
6.28.1.5.2	Added and deleted example; added reference to 6.27.1.8
6.28.1.9	Reworded for consistency
6.28.1.11	Added instructions about Selections and new examples
6.28.2.3	Changed instructions for access points for numbered parts; existing examples changed and new ones added
6.28.3.2.2	Added example

	Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Legal Works and Expressions
6.29.1.33	New instructions about breaking conflict and example added from LC-PCC PS
	Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Religious Works and Expressions
6.30.2.2	Alternative revised to clarify that “Selections” is a work attribute
	Constructing Authorized Access Points to Represent Official Communications
6.31.1.4	Revised references due to chapter 11 changes
	Medium of Performance of Musical Content
7.21.1.1	Added reference to 6.15
7.21.1.3	Reworded for consistency
7.25.5.3	Reworded to reflect change in Appendix B for symbols
	Core Elements
8.3	Added information about “title of the person” reflecting changes in Chapter 9; changed “Date associated with the corporate body” to specific types of dates; changed “Associated institution” to list location of conference and location of headquarters separately
	Purpose and Scope
9.0	Revised definition of “persons”
	Name of the Person
9.2.2.14	Deleted last paragraph (moved to 9.2.2.14.1)
9.2.2.14.1	New instruction for saints (moved from 9.2.2.14)
9.2.2.18	Deleted last paragraph (moved to 9.2.2.18.1)
9.2.2.18.1	New instruction for saints (moved from 9.2.2.18)
	Date Associated with the Person
9.3	Added new blue sentence to CORE statement for dates of birth and death; also added new blue conditional (“core if”) for period of activity
9.3.1.3	Deleted exception; new optional addition to add month or month and day; new instruction and examples for period of activity for range of centuries
9.3.2.3	Deleted instructions and examples about full date for person born in same year (moved to 9.19.1.3)
9.3.4.3	Revised 2nd examples box to reflect changes to recording range of centuries at 9.3.1.3
	Title of the Person
9.4	Added blue conditional (“core if”) to CORE statement for terms of rank, honour or office

9.4.1.1	Revised definition of “title of the person”
9.4.1.9	New instruction “Other Term of Rank, Honour or Office”
	Other Designation Associated with the Person
9.6	Added new blue sentence to CORE statement for saints and spirits; also added blue conditional (“core if”) for “other designation” for other persons
9.6.1.3	Added references to 9.6.1.6-9.6.1.9
9.6.1.6	New instruction “Persons Named in Sacred Scriptures or Apocryphal Books”
9.6.1.7	New instruction “Fictitious and Legendary Persons”
9.6.1.8	New instruction “Real Non-Human Entities”
9.6.1.9	New instruction “Other Designation”
	Place of Residence
9.11	Element changed to “Place of Residence, Etc.
9.11.1	Revised to match element name
9.11.1.1	Revised to match element name and expanded definition
9.11.1.2	Revised to match element name
9.11.1.3	Revised to match element name
	Affiliation
9.13.1.3	Revised to say record an affiliation by using preferred name of group; 1st example changed
	Profession or Occupation
9.16.1.1	Revised definition of “profession or occupation”
9.16.1.3	Revised to match definition
	Construction Access Points to Represent Persons
9.19.1.1	References to 9.19.1.6 removed
9.19.1.2	Changed category e) to h) and new categories e)-g); examples added; revised Exceptions to include titles of religious vocation with examples moved from above and revised
9.19.1.3	Added instruction and examples about using month or month and day to break conflict within a single year
9.19.1.5	Caption changed to add “and/or Occupation”; revised instruction and examples; added examples from 9.19.1.6; added example in Optional Addition
9.19.1.6	Existing instruction and examples moved to 9.19.1.5; replaced by new instruction “Other Term of Rank, Honour or Office”
9.19.1.7	New instruction “Other Designation”
9.19.2.1	References revised
	Date Associated with the Family
10.4.1.3	Revised example

	Name of the Corporate Body
11.2.1.3	Revised references
11.2.2.4	Revised references to subordinate bodies instructions
11.2.2.5.4	Reference revised in exception for conferences
11.2.2.11	Revised references
11.2.2.13	Examples revised; Exceptions for government and religious bodies deleted
11.2.2.14	The structure of these instructions for subordinate bodies has been completely reorganized, but the content is largely unchanged . The old “types” (e.g. Type 3) listed at 11.2.2.14 (non-governmental) and 11.2.2.19 (governmental) and subordinate religious bodies at 11.2.2.30 are now combined and listed as separate instruction numbers (see below) with descriptive captions rather than types; examples revised
11.2.2.14.1	New instruction number for “Body Whose Name Implies It Is Part of Another” (Old Type 1 for Non-Gov. and Gov.)
11.2.2.14.2	New instruction number for “Body Whose Name Implies Administrative Subordination” (Old Type 2 for Non-Gov. and Gov.)
11.2.2.14.3	New instruction number for “Body Whose Name Is General in Nature....” (Old Type 3 for Non-Gov. and Gov.)
11.2.2.14.4	New instruction number for “Body Whose Name Does not Convey the Idea of ...” (Old Type 4 for Non-Gov. and Gov.)
11.2.2.14.5	New instruction number for “University, Faculty...” (Old Non-Gov Type 5)
11.2.2.14.6	New instruction number for “Non-Governmental Body Whose Name Includes the Entire Name...” (Old Non-Gov Type 6)
11.2.2.14.7	New instruction number for “Ministry or Similar Major Executive Agency” (Old Gov. Type 5)
11.2.2.14.8	New instruction number for “Government Official or a Religious Official” (partially Old Gov. Type 9)
11.2.2.14.9	New instruction number for “Legislative Body” (Old Gov. Type 6)
11.2.2.14.10	New instruction “Constitutional Convention”
11.2.2.14.11	New instruction number for “Court” (Old Gov. Type 7)
11.2.2.14.12	New instruction number for “Principle Service of the Armed Forces of a Government” (Old Gov. Type 8)
11.2.2.14.13	New instruction number for “Embassy, Consulate, Etc.” (Old Gov. Type 10)
11.2.2.14.14	New instruction for number for “Delegation to an International or Intergovernmental Body” (Old Gov. Type 11)
11.2.2.14.15	New instruction “Council, Etc. of a Single Religious Body”
11.2.2.14.16	New instruction “Religions Province, Diocese, Synod, Etc.”
11.2.2.14.17	New instruction “Central Administrative Organ of the Catholic Church”
11.2.2.14.18	New instruction “Papal Diplomatic Mission, Etc.”
11.2.2.15	Revised to include governmental bodies; added reference to 11.2.2.16-11.2.2.29; examples revised
11.2.2.18	Renumbered; now Government Officials (formerly 11.2.2.21)
11.2.2.18.1	Renumbered; now Heads of State, Heads of Government, Etc.(formerly 11.2.2.21.1)
11.2.2.18.2	Renumbered; now Ruling Executive Bodies (formerly 11.2.2.21.2)

11.2.2.18.3	Renumbered; now Heads of International Intergovernmental Bodies (formerly 11.2.2.21.3)
11.2.2.18.4	Renumbered; now Governors of Dependent or Occupied Territories (formerly 11.2.2.21.4)
11.2.2.18.5	Renumbered; now Other Officials (formerly 11.2.2.21.5)
11.2.2.19	Renumbered now Legislative Bodies (formerly 11.2.2.22); former instructions about recording subordinate gov't bodies merged with 11.2.2.14
11.2.2.19.1	Renumbered, now Legislatures (formerly 11.2.2.22.1);
11.2.2.19.2	Renumbered; now Legislative Committees and Subordinate Units (former 11.2.2.22.2); also contains former 11.2.2.22.3) in new Exception
11.2.2.19.3	Renumbered; now Successive Legislature (former 11.2.2.22.4)
11.2.2.20	Renumbered; now Constitutional Conventions (former 11.2.2.23)
11.2.2.21	Renumbered; now Courts (former 11.2.2.24)
11.2.2.21.1	Renumbered; now Civil and Criminal Courts (former 11.2.2.24.1)
11.2.2.21.2	Renumbered; now Ad Hoc Military Courts (former 11.2.2.24.2)
11.2.2.22	Renumbered; now Armed Forces (former 11.2.2.25)
11.2.2.22.1	Renumbered; now Armed Forces at the National Level (former 11.2.2.25.1)
11.2.2.22.2	Renumbered; now Armed Forces Below the National Level (former 11.2.2.25.2)
11.2.2.23	Renumbered; now Embassies, Consulates, Etc. (former 11.2.2.26)
11.2.2.24	Renumbered; now Delegations to International or Intergovernmental Bodies (former 11.2.2.27)
11.2.2.25	Renumbered; now Councils, Etc. of a Single Religious Body (former 11.2.2.28)
11.2.2.26	Renumbered; now Religious Officials (former 11.2.2.29)
11.2.2.26.1	Renumbered; now Bishops, Rabbis, Mullahs, Patriarchs, Etc. (former 11.2.2.29.1)
11.2.2.26.2	Renumbered; now Popes (former 11.2.2.29.2)
11.2.2.27	Renumbered; now Religious Provinces, Dioceses, Synods, Etc. (former 11.2.2.30.1) ; also contains former 11.2.2.30.2 in new Exceptions
11.2.2.28	Renumbered; now Central Administrative Organs of the Catholic Church (Roman Curia) (former 11.2.2.30.3)
11.2.2.29	Renumbered; now Papal Diplomatic Missions (former 11.2.2.31)
11.2.2.30	Deleted (incorporated into 11.2.2.14)
11.2.2.30.1	Instruction number deleted and content moved to 11.2.2.27
11.2.2.30.2	Instruction number deleted and content moved to 11.2.2.27
11.2.2.30.3	Instruction number deleted and content moved to 11.2.2.28
11.2.2.31	Instruction number deleted and content moved to 11.2.2.29
11.2.3.3	Revised references
	Place Associated with the Corporate Body
11.3.3.4	Added Optional Addition to record earlier jurisdiction or locality names
	Date Associated with the Corporate Body
11.4	Added blue conditional (“core if”) to CORE statement for dates to clarify core for conferences, and when needed to distinguish for other types of corporate bodies

11.4.3	Added blue conditional (“core if”) to CORE statement for date of establishment to clarify core if needed to distinguish
11.4.4	Added blue conditional (“core if”) to CORE statement for date of termination to clarify core if needed to distinguish
	Associated Institution
11.5.1.3	Deleted exception for recording an institution in nominative case of found form as the location of a conference (now use preferred name of institution as location); new example added
	Construction Access Points to Represent Corporate Bodies
11.13.1.3	Added new instruction about using the latest place name in use during the lifetime of the body when adding it to an authorized access point for the body
11.13.1.8	Reorganized to create 2 new sub-instructions—single instance and series of conferences but the content is largely unchanged
11.13.8.1	New instruction number for “Access Point for a Single Instance of a Conference, Etc.”; contains first and last part of old 11.13.1.8 with revised examples and exception for institution instead of place name and online conferences
11.13.8.2	New instruction number for “Access Point for a Series of Conferences, Etc.” contains last exception and examples from old 11.13.1.8; with separate instructions if held in the same place or if in different places
	Name of the Place
16.2.2.4	Added new instruction to include the initial article and Alternative to omit it; references to other instructions revised to reflect renumbering
16.2.2.9	Revised to remove Malaysia and insert word “former” in front of U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia; reworded for consistency
16.2.2.9.1	Revised to remove Malaysia and insert word “former” in front of U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia; examples revised; reworded for consistency
16.2.2.9.2	Deleted examples for places in Malaysia; reworded for consistency
16.2.2.10	Renamed instruction “England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales” removed Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Republic of Ireland from this instruction; moved instructions from old 16.2.2.10.1
16.2.2.10.1	Renamed “Places in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales” with some instructions from old 16.2.2.10.2 (Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Republic of Ireland removed from this instruction); examples revised
16.2.2.10.2	Deleted with some instructions and examples moved to 16.2.2.10.1
16.2.2.11	Changed to a new instruction Overseas Territories, Dependencies, Etc.; partially contains instruction from LC-PCC PS 16.2.2.4 Island Groups
16.2.2.11.1	New instruction “Places in Overseas Territories, Dependencies, Etc.”
16.2.2.12	Renumbered; now Places in Other Jurisdictions from old 16.2.2.11; instructions and examples revised to reflect other Chapter 16 changes; new Alternative to record name of state, etc. preceding name of country in parentheses in cases of non-conflict

16.2.2.13	Renumbered; now Places with the Same Name; references to other instructions revised because of renumbering; new examples for Chinese places
16.2.2.14	Renumbered; now Places with Cities, Etc.; references to other instructions revised because of renumbering; new example for Chinese place
16.2.3.3	Revised references to other instructions because of renumbering
16.2.3.4	Changed to new instruction “Initial Articles”
16.2.3.5	Renumbered; now Expanded Name
16.2.3.6	Renumbered; now Initialism/Abbreviated Form
16.2.3.7	Renumbered; now Alternative Linguistic Form of Name
16.2.3.8	Renumbered; now Other Variant Name; references to other instructions revised because of renumbering; examples revised because some moved to 16.2.3.4
	Creator
19.2.1.1.1	Revised to remove hearings from event category and replace with separate category c); other categories relettered to reflect insertion
19.2.1.3	Examples revised to reflect category changes above
	Related Person
30.1.1.3	Revised example
	Appendix B (Title changed to Abbreviations and Symbols)
B.0	Revised scope to include symbols and remove reference to English
B.1	Revised to include symbols; Alternative revised to include language about following “international standards” and symbols
B.5.1	Revised 1st paragraph to include symbols
B.5.2	Paragraphs reordered and symbols included in new 1st paragraph
B.5.3	Revised to include symbols
B.5.7	Revised to 1st paragraph include symbols
	Appendix C: Initial Articles
C.1	Revised to include names of places
	Appendix D: Record Syntaxes for Descriptive Data
D.2.1	Updated element names at 347 and 538 fields to reflect change at 3.19.7
	Appendix E: Record Syntaxes for Access Point Control
E.1.1	Added “other term of rank, honour, or office” in Headings for persons, Additions ; deleted reference to 9.15 in Distinguishing terms; and added references to 9.6.1.6-9.6.1.9; same changes made in See references from variant names for persons and See also references from names for related persons
E.1.2.2	Added instructions for punctuating “term of rank, honour, or office”; replaced instructions for punctuating a distinguishing term with instructions for punctuating a profession or occupation and other new sub-types for 9.6
E.2.1	Revised mapping from 370 to reflect changes in element names

	Appendix H: Dates in the Christian Calendar
H.1	Changed instruction to say that B.C. should be added to the end of each date in a span; revised examples and added new example
	Appendix I: Relationship Designators
I.2.1	Revised definitions of relationship designators for “librettist” and “lyricist”
	Glossary (new):
	added title page*
	cover
	encoded bitrate
	leaf
	libretto
	lyrics
	page
	volume (loose-leaf)*
	Glossary (revised):
	place of residence, etc.
	profession or occupation
	text
	Glossary (deleted):
	layout of cartographic images
	layout of tactile music notation
	layout of tactile text
	transmission speed

*Term added via Fast Track Proposal