

**LC RDA CORE ELEMENTS**  
**(combination of RDA “Core” and RDA “Core if” elements plus additional elements)**

Note: Decisions highlighted in yellow/shading indicate changes from the LC policy decisions during the US RDA Test.

**Explanation of symbols in this table:**

- “Element” column: - a plus sign (+) identifies additional elements, beyond the RDA “core” and RDA “core if” elements, selected by LC to be core elements as specified in records.  
 - a “T” in parentheses identifies a transcribed element per RDA instruction (“take what you see”) or per LC’s policy or alternative in that instruction.
- “RDA no.” column: - an asterisk (\*) indicates there is an LCPS for (1) that instruction other than an indication that it is a core element for C or (2) an alternative, option, etc., related to that instruction.
- “FRBR” column:  
 FRBR/FRAD entities: C = corporate body M = manifestation  
 E = expression P = person  
 F = family PL = place  
**I = Item** W = work
- “MARC encoding” column: - the “A” preceding some tags refers to the authority format; an arrow ( ▶ ) indicates there is information about this field in the separate MARC encoding document (R-5).

Element	RDA no.	FRBR	Decision with qualification if appropriate	MARC encoding
<b>IDENTIFYING MANIFESTATIONS AND ITEMS</b>				
Title proper (T)	2.3.2 *	M	Yes	245
Parallel title proper (T) +	2.3.3	M	Yes	245
Other title information (T) +	2.3.4	M	Yes	245
Earlier title proper (T) +	2.3.7	M	Yes (Reminder: applies to integrating resources per RDA and is given in 247 field; also given for serials in 246 field when description is not “backed up”)	247 246
Later title proper (T) +	2.3.8	M	Yes (Reminder: applies to serials and multipart monographs)	246
Key title (T) +	2.3.9	M	Yes if in conjunction with ISSN assignment	222
Abbreviated title (T) +	2.3.10	M	Yes for abbreviated key title if in conjunction with ISSN assignment, as appropriate.	210
Statement of responsibility relating to title proper (T)	2.4.2	M	Yes (if more than one, only the first recorded is required) for all resources.	245
Designation of edition (T)	2.5.2	M	Yes	250

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Designation of a named revision of an edition (T)	2.5.6	M	Yes	250
Numeric and/or alphabetic designation of first issue or part of sequence (T)	2.6.2 *	M	Yes (for first or only sequence)	362
Chronological designation of first issue or part of sequence (T)	2.6.3 *	M	Yes (for first or only sequence)	362
Numeric ... of last issue or part of sequence (T)	2.6.4 *	M	Yes (for last or only sequence)	362
Chronological ... of last issue or part of sequence (T)	2.6.5 *	M	Yes (for last or only sequence)	362
Date of production	2.7.6 *	M	Yes (for a resource in unpublished form)	264
Place of publication (T)	2.8.2 *	M	Yes (if more than one, only the first recorded is required). Also current place if it differs.	264
Publisher's name (T)	2.8.4 *	M	Yes (if more than one, only the first recorded is required). Also current publisher if it differs.	264
Date of publication	2.8.6 *	M	Yes	264
Place of distribution (T)	2.9.2 *	M	For a published resource, if place of publication not identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required	264
Distributor's name (T)	2.9.4 *	M	For a published resource, if publisher not identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required	264
Date of distribution	2.9.6 *	M	For a published resource, if date of publication not identified	264
Place of manufacture (T)	2.10.2 *	M	For a published resource, if neither place of publication nor place of distribution identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required	264
Manufacturer's name (T)	2.10.4 *	M	For a published resource, if neither publisher nor distributor identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required	264
Date of manufacture	2.10.6 *	M	For a published resource, if neither date of publication, date of distribution, nor copyright date identified	264
Copyright date	2.11 *	M	For monographs if neither the date of publication nor the date of distribution is identified.	264 ▶
Title proper of series (T)	2.12.2 *	M	Yes	490
ISSN of series +	2.12.8 *	M	Yes	490
Numbering within series (T)	2.12.9 *	M	Yes	490
Title proper of subseries (T)	2.12.10 *	M	Yes	490
ISSN of subseries +	2.12.16 *	M	Yes	490

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Numbering within subseries (T)	2.12.17 *		Yes	490
Mode of issuance +	2.13	M	Yes	Ldr Bibl Lvl
Frequency +	2.14	M	Yes	008/18-19; 310/321
Identifier for the manifestation	2.15 *	M	Yes	020, 022, 024, 026, 027, 028, 030, 074, 086, 088
Note on title +	2.20.2 *	M	Yes, for source of title, if applicable (always applicable for serials)	500, 588
Note on issue, part, or iteration used as the basis for identification of the resource +	2.20.13 *	M	Yes, if applicable (always applicable for serials)	588 ▶
<b>DESCRIBING CARRIERS</b>				
Media type +	3.2	M	Yes	337 ▶
Carrier type	3.3	M	Yes	338 ▶
Extent	3.4 *	M	Only if the resource is complete or if the total extent is known -- applies to all resources (may be only the term for ceased serials).	300
Dimensions +	3.5 *	M	Yes for resources other than serials <b>and online electronic resources</b>	300
Layout +	3.11	M	Yes for cartographic resources	300, 500
Digital file characteristic +	3.19	M	Yes for cartographic resources	352
Note on changes in carrier characteristics +	3.22.6 *	M	Yes if carrier characteristics vary and new description isn't made	500
<b>PROVIDING ACQUISITION AND ACCESS INFORMATION</b>				
Restrictions on use +	4.5 *		Yes but generally limited to the non-General Collections	
Uniform Resource Locator +	4.6 *		Yes	856
<b>RECORDING ATTRIBUTES OF WORKS AND EXPRESSIONS</b>				
Status of identification +	5.7		Yes	A 008/33
Source consulted +	5.8		Yes	A 670
Cataloguer's note +	5.9		Yes for certain situations explained in DCM Z1 667.	A 667

Element	RDA no.	FRBR	Decision with qualification if appropriate	MARC encoding
<b>IDENTIFYING WORKS AND EXPRESSIONS</b>				
Preferred title for the work	6.2.2 *	W	Yes	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Form of work	6.3	W	If needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Date of work	6.4 *	W	If needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Place of origin of the work	6.5	W	If needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Medium of performance	6.15 *	W	(1) if title is not distinctive, give if applicable; (2) if title is distinctive, give if needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 240, 7XX
Numeric designation of a musical work	6.16 *	W	(1) if title is not distinctive, give if applicable; (2) if title is distinctive, give if needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 240, 7XX
Key	6.17	W	(1) if title is not distinctive, give if applicable; (2) if title is distinctive, give if needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 240, 7XX
Signatory to a treaty, etc.	6.22	W	For both signatories of a bilateral treaty	A 1XX; 240, 7XX
Other distinguishing characteristic of the work	6.6	W	If needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Identifier for the work	6.8	W	Yes	A 010
Content type	6.9	E	Yes	Leader/06, 336 ▶ ; A 336 ▶
Date of expression	6.10 *	E	As appropriate for expressions of musical works and of religious works	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX

Element	RDA no.	FRBR	Decision with qualification if appropriate	MARC encoding
Language of expression	6.11 *	E	Yes, in 008/35-37, 041/546. In the authorized access point (1) for a translation; (2) in the analytical authorized access point for the original expression when it and one or more other expressions of the same work are in a compilation.	008/35-37; 041, 546; 130, 240, 7XX; A 1XX, A 670
Other distinguishing characteristic of the expression	6.12	E	If needed to differentiate	A 1XX; 130, 240, 7XX
Identifier for the expression	6.13	E	Yes	A 010
<b>DESCRIBING CONTENT</b>				
Longitude and latitude +	7.4.2 *	W	Yes	255
Intended audience +	7.7	W	Yes for resources intended for children	008/22 as applicable; 521
Dissertation or thesis information +	7.9 *	W	Yes	502 ▶
Summarization of the content +	7.10 *	E	Yes for fiction intended for children	520
Language of the content +	7.12 *	E	Yes	008/35-37, 041, 546
Script +	7.13.2 *	E	Yes for some languages (see LCPS 7.13.2.3)	546
Form of musical notation +	7.13.3	E	Yes	500, 546
Illustrative content +	7.15		Yes for resources intended for children	300, 500
Supplementary content +	7.16 *	E	Yes for indexes and bibliographies in monographs.	504
Format of notated music +	7.20	E	Yes	500
Medium of performance of musical content +	7.21	E	Yes	500
Duration +	7.22	E	Yes	300
Horizontal scale of cartographic content	7.25.3	E	Yes	255
Vertical scale of cartographic content	7.25.4	E	Yes	255
Additional scale information +	7.25.5	E	Yes	255
Projection of cartographic content +	7.26 *	E	Yes	255

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<b>RECORDING ATTRIBUTES OF PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND CORPORATE BODIES</b>				
Status of identification +	8.10		Yes	A 008/33
Undifferentiated name indicator+	8.11		Yes	A 008/32
Source consulted +	8.12		Yes	A 670
Cataloguer's note +	8.13		Yes for certain situations explained in DCM Z1 667	A 667
<b>IDENTIFYING PERSONS</b>				
Preferred name for the person	9.2.2 *	P	Yes	A 100
Date of birth	9.3.2 *	P	Yes	A 100
Date of death	9.3.3 *	P	Yes	A 100
Period of activity of the person	9.3.4 *	P	If needed to differentiate	A 100
Title of the person	9.4 *	P	Yes	A 100
Fuller form of name	9.5 *	P	If needed to differentiate	A 100
Other designation associated with the person	9.6	P	Yes	A 100
Profession or occupation	9.16	P	(1) for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person; (2) if needed to differentiate	A 100
Identifier for the person	9.18	P	Yes	A 010
<b>IDENTIFYING FAMILIES</b>				
Preferred name for the family	10.2.2	F	Yes	A 100
Type of family	10.3	F	Yes	A 100
Date associated with the family	10.4	F	Yes	A 100
Place associated with the family	10.5	F	If needed to differentiate	A 100
Prominent member of the family	10.6	F	If needed to differentiate	A 100
Identifier for the family	10.9	F	Yes	A 010
<b>IDENTIFYING CORPORATE BODIES</b>				
Preferred name for the corporate body	11.2.2 *	C	Yes	A 110
Location of conference, etc.	11.3.2	C	Yes	A 111
Location of headquarters	11.3.3 *	C	If needed to differentiate	A 110

<b>Element</b>	<b>RDA no.</b>	<b>FRBR</b>	<b>Decision with qualification if appropriate</b>	<b>MARC encoding</b>
Date of conference, etc.	11.4.2	C	Yes for conferences cataloged as monographs	A 111
Date of establishment	11.4.3	C	In authorized access point if needed to differentiate	A 110
Date of termination	11.4.4	C	In authorized access point if needed to differentiate	A 110
Associated institution	11.5	C	(1) for conferences, etc., if the institution's name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined; (2) if needed to differentiate	A 11X
Number of a conference, etc.	11.6 *	C	Yes	A 111
Other designation associated with the corporate body	11.7 *	C	(1) for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body; (2) if needed to differentiate	A 110
Identifier for the corporate body	11.12	C	Yes	A 010
<b>IDENTIFYING PLACES</b>				
Preferred name for the place+	16.2.2 *	PL	Yes, in the context of RDA 11.2	A 110
<b>RECORDING PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS</b>				
Work manifested	17.8 *	M	Do not apply chapter 17 in the current implementation scenario; this core element is covered by the authorized access point for the work when present in a MARC bibliographic record.  See 25.1 for guidelines about this element when the resource is a compilation.	
Expression manifested	17.10 *	M	Do not apply chapter 17 in the current implementation scenario; this core element is covered by the authorized access point for the expression when present in a MARC bibliographic record.  See 26.1 for guidelines about this element when the resource is a compilation.	
<b>PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND CORPORATE BODIES ASSOCIATED WITH A WORK</b>				
Creator	19.2 *	W	Yes (if more than one, only the creator having principal responsibility named first in resources embodying the work or in reference sources is required; if principal responsibility is not indicated, only the first-named creator is required)  After satisfying the RDA core requirement, catalogers may provide additional authorized access points for creators according to cataloger's judgment.	1XX ▶ A 1XX  7XX ▶

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Other person, family, or corporate body associated with a work	19.3 *	W	If the authorized access point representing that person, family, or corporate body is used to construct the authorized access point representing the work  After satisfying the RDA core requirement, catalogers may provide additional authorized access points according to cataloger's judgment.	1XX ▶ A 1XX  7XX ▶
<b>PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND CORPORATE BODIES ASSOCIATED WITH AN EXPRESSION</b>				
Contributor +	20.2 *	E	For illustrators of resources intended for children	7XX ▶
<b>RECORDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WORKS, EXPRESSIONS, MANIFESTIONS, AND ITEMS</b>				
Source consulted +	24.7		Yes	A 670
<b>RELATED WORKS</b>				
Related work +	25.1 *	W	(1) Give a contents note (no limit on number of works in the contents note unless burdensome). Give an analytical authorized access point for the predominant or first work in the compilation; (2) For sequential serial relationships.  When giving relationship, give reciprocal relationships when appropriate (primarily for serials and integrating resources).	5XX; 7XX ▶
<b>RELATED EXPRESSIONS</b>				
Related expression +	26.1 *	E	(1) Give a contents note (no limit on number of expressions in the contents note unless burdensome). Give an analytical authorized access point for the predominant or first expression in the compilation; (2) For sequential serial relationships.  When giving relationship, give reciprocal relationships when appropriate (primarily for serials and integrating resources).	5XX; 7XX ▶
<b>RELATED MANIFESTATIONS</b>				
Related manifestation +	27.1 *	M	Make for reproductions.	5XX 76X-787 ▶
<b>RELATED ITEMS</b>				
Related item +	28.1 *	I	Make for reproductions, bound withs, and for special relationships for rare materials if warranted	5XX 76X-787 ▶



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<b>RECORDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND CORPORATE BODIES</b>				
Source consulted +	29.6 *		Yes	A 670
<b>RELATED PERSONS</b>				
Related person +	30.1 *	P, F, C	For different identities	A 500 ▶
<b>RELATED CORPORATE BODIES</b>				
Related corporate body +	32.1 *	P, F, C	For sequential relationships of non-conference corporate bodies, only the immediately preceding and succeeding entities (relate conferences only on the records for the collective heading)	A 510 ▶