

**TO:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**FROM:** Alan Danskin, British Library Representative  
**SUBJECT:** Title of person: change to 9.4.1 and 9.19.1.2

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## Intention

To expand the scope of RDA 9.4.1 and 9.19.1.2, to match the scope of FRAD 4.1 and FRBR 4.6.3

## Summary

RDA 9.4.1 and 9.19.1.2 include only some of the cases included by FRAD and FRBR as part of the element *Title of person*. RDA defines the element *Title of person* as "a word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, or ecclesiastical rank or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation"; whereas FRAD and FRBR define the element *Title of person* more widely as "a word or phrase indicative of rank, office, nobility, honour, etc". The purpose of this proposal is to align RDA with FRAD and FRBR by including other titles of person, that were previously included in AACR2.

## FRAD and FRBR elements

### FRAD 4.1 Attributes of a person

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| Title of person | Rank, office, nobility, honour, etc., associated with the person [FRBR]  |
|                 | Includes titles of rank or office (e.g. Major, Presimier, Governor General)  |
|                 | Includes titles of royalty and nobility, ecclesiastical titles, courtesy titles and titles of honour (e.g. Queen, Duke, Pope, Sir, Dame) |
|                 | Includes secular or religious information elements (e.g. Mrs., Swami, Professor)   |

### FRBR 4.6 Attributes of a person

4.6.3 Title of person The title of a person is a word or phrase indicative of rank, office, nobility, honour, etc. (e.g. Major, Premier, Duke, etc.), or a term of address (Sir, Mrs., etc.) associated with the person

## RDA

RDA 9.4.1.1

"Scope: Title of the person is a word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, or ecclesiastical rank or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation."

Change to

[wording taken directly from FRBR:]

"Scope: Title of the person is a word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, or ecclesiastical rank or office, or a term of address for a person of religious vocation- associated with the person."

[additional rule:]

#### 9.4.1.9 Other Title of the Person

Record other titles of the person indicative of rank or office, or other terms of address

##### EXAMPLE

*Sir*  
*Captain*  
*Rev.*  
*capitaine*

#### 9.19.1.2 Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person

Add to the name one or more of the following elements (in this order), as applicable:

- a) a title of royalty (see 9.4.1.4 RDA) or nobility (see 9.4.1.5 RDA)
- b) the term *Saint* (see 9.6.1.4 RDA)
- c) title of religious rank (see 9.4.1.6-9.4.1.8 RDA)
- d) other title of person (see 9.4.1.9 RDA)
- e) the term *Spirit* (see 9.6.1.5 RDA)
- f) a term indicating profession or occupation (see 9.16 RDA) or field of activity of the person (see 9.15 RDA) that order of preference, for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person

##### EXAMPLE

[...]

*Smith, John, Sir*  
*Brown, George, Captain*  
*Brown, George, Rev.*  
*Valmer, capitaine*

#### Tools

RDA – MARC and MARC-RDA mappings insufficiently granular to be affected

**Resources**

AACR2 – 22.19B1 should link to 9.19.1.2 as well as current link to 9.2.2.9.5