Names of Persons

Introduction:

According to the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP)\(^1\) the **Form of Name for Persons as an authorized access point** should be constructed following a standard: "When the name of a person consists of several words, the choice of first word for the authorized access point should follow conventions of the country and language most associated with that person, as found in manifestations or reference sources". Thus, this set of documents summarizes the conventions for each country, established by each national cataloguing agency, to help other cataloguing agencies creating authority data worldwide.

Please access *IFLA Names of Persons*\(^2\) to submit updates from your country and to access more information.

**Country name in English: Canada**

**Country name in official language(s): Canada**


**Language name in official language(s): 1. English 2. Français 3. Native languages**

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For name usage in English, see the entry under UNITED KINGDOM.

For name usage in French, see the entry under FRANCE.

Other national usage for English and French and information on native names in Canada follow in this entry.

### 1. English

**NAME ELEMENTS**

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\(^2\) [http://www.ifla.org/node/4953](http://www.ifla.org/node/4953)
1. Titular prefix of English origin (a rare occurrence) | before the forename | Sir Ernest MacMillan

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<td>after the forename</td>
<td>MACMILLAN, Ernest, Sir</td>
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**2. French**

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<td>simple, with prefix <em>De, de, d’, or D’</em></td>
<td>D’Allaire, D’Auteuil, De Ladurantaye, de Lafontaine</td>
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<td>AUTEUIL, Chantal d’D’ALLAIRE, Micheline</td>
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2. **Titular prefix**

After the forename: **LAURIER, Wilfrid, Sir**

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3. **Native languages**

Some names of native origin consist of a single or compound given name. These are often names of historical interest and were common among the Inuit until the 1960’s. Other native names consist of a surname of Native origin and one or more forenames, often of English or French origin. A Native given name may also be employed as a middle name with an English or French surname and forename, as in the names of some contemporary chiefs.

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<td>Crowfoot, Nuligak, Oronhyatekha, Pitseolak</td>
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<td>Big Bear, Buffalo Child, Long Lance</td>
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<td>employed as a middle name</td>
<td>Oné-Onti</td>
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<td>2. Forename</td>
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NULIGAK
ORONHYATEKHA
PITSEOLAK                                                                 |
| 2. Compound given name | first part of name     | BIG BEAR
BUFFALO CHILD LONG
LANCE                                                                     |
| 3. Single surname    | surname                | CLUTESI, George
IPELLIE, Seepee
NAHBIXIE, Charlotte
NUNGAK, Zebedee
TEKAKWITHA, Kateri                                                    |
| 4. Compound surname  | first part of surname  | BEAR ROBE, Andrew
GROS-LOUIS, Max Oné-Onti                                                  |

**National cataloguing code**


National authority file of names

Canadiana authorities is a comprehensive list of name headings of Canadian origin, published on microfiche by the National Library of Canada. It is issued quarterly, with bi-weekly supplements. ISSN 0225-1574. Canadiana authority records are also available in machine-readable form through the National Library's MARC Records Distribution Service.

Sources and recommended references


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