

7-- RESPONSIBILITY BLOCK

Definition and Scope of Block

This block contains names of persons and corporate bodies having some form of responsibility for the item described (creation, ownership, marketing, etc.). This responsibility is defined broadly to include all persons, corporate bodies or families associated with an item including publishers, producers, distributors, etc., when an access point is required. It also includes trademarks under which certain types of materials such as sound recordings are published. The following fields are defined:

Personal Names

- 700 Personal Name – Primary Responsibility
- 701 Personal Name – Alternative Responsibility
- 702 Personal Name – Secondary Responsibility
- 703 Personal Name – Provenance or Ownership

Corporate Body and Meeting Names

- 710 Corporate Body Name – Primary Responsibility
- 711 Corporate Body Name – Alternative Responsibility
- 712 Corporate Body Name – Secondary Responsibility
- 713 Corporate Body Name – Provenance or Ownership

Family Names

- 720 Family Name – Primary Responsibility
- 721 Family Name – Alternative Responsibility
- 722 Family Name – Secondary Responsibility
- 723 Family Name – Provenance or Ownership

Miscellaneous

- 716 Trademark
- 730 Name – Entity Responsible

Uniform Headings

- 740 Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts - Primary Responsibility
- 741 Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts - Alternative Responsibility
- 742 Uniform Conventional Heading for Legal and Religious Texts - Secondary Responsibility

Notes on Field Contents

Responsibility

One person, corporate body or family may be selected as having primary responsibility. In some cataloguing codes this is called the main entry. Any other persons, corporate bodies or families having equal responsibility are considered to have alternative responsibility. If a given cataloguing code does not embody the concept of main entry, all persons, corporate bodies and families having equal responsibility may be coded as if they had alternative responsibility. Persons, corporate bodies or families having tangential responsibility (e.g., editors, producers, distributors, publishers, translators, illustrators, etc.) may be coded as having secondary responsibility. If it is not possible to determine any level of responsibility, all names should be coded as alternative.

Main entry under title:

In records catalogued according to codes recognising the concept of main entry, when no personal or corporate name has been specified as having primary responsibility for an item, it can be assumed that main entry is under title. Access points for persons or bodies associated with the item are given in the alternative or secondary responsibility fields as appropriate. For example, multiple authors, which preclude an author main entry under some cataloguing codes, would each be considered as having

alternative responsibility; whereas the editor of a collection (which is entered under title by some cataloguing codes) would be considered to have secondary responsibility. When the main entry is under title, the main entry will be found in field 500 if present, otherwise in field 200.