7-- RESPONSIBILITY BLOCK

Definition and Scope of Block

This block contains names of persons and corporate bodies having some form of responsibility for the resource described (creation, ownership, marketing, etc.). This responsibility is defined broadly to include all persons, corporate bodies or families associated with the resource 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 the resource, it can be assumed that main entry is under title. Access points for persons or bodies associated with the resource 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.

History

2002	Field issued/re-issued with corrections/additions.
2005	Field issued/re-issued with corrections/additions.
2012	Corrections and additions.
2016	Corrections and additions.