

RDA Chapter 6 and 7 Elements

(Some of the instruction numbers and element names given reflect revisions included in the August 2016 release of the RDA Toolkit)

Instruction number	Element	Should be recorded in language and script of agency?	Currently contains instructions to that effect?	Recommendation
6.2	title of the work	no	N/A	N/A
6.2.2	preferred title for the work	no (except devised title, which is covered in instructions)	N/A	N/A
6.2.3	variant title for the work	no	N/A	N/A
6.3	form of work	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.4	date of work	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.5	place of origin of the work	yes	refers to chapter 16	no change needed
6.6	other distinguishing characteristic of the work	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.7	history of the work	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.8	identifier for the work	issue for further discussion	no	needs further discussion
6.9	content type	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
6.10	date of expression	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.11	language of expression	yes	yes	revise to be covered by 5.4
6.12	other distinguishing characteristic of the expression	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.13	identifier for the expression	issue for further discussion	no	needs further discussion
6.15	medium of performance	yes	yes	revise to be covered by 5.4
6.16	numeric designation of a musical work	yes and no—depends on type of designation	yes	no change needed; better to leave instructions alone since varies by sub-type

6.17	key	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.18	other distinguishing characteristic of the expression of a musical work [not technically an element in itself but needs instruction on language and script]	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
6.20.3	date of a treaty [not technically an element in itself but needs instruction on language and script]	yes (month recorded in language of agency)	yes	no change needed
7.2	nature of the content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.3	coverage of the content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.4	coordinates of cartographic content	no	no	no change needed
7.5	equinox	no	N/A	N/A
7.6	epoch	no	N/A	N/A
7.7	intended audience	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.8	system of organization	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.9	dissertation or thesis information	issue for further discussion	no	needs further discussion
7.10	summarization of the content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.11	place and date of capture	issue for further discussion	no	needs further discussion
7.12	language of the content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.13	form of notation	see sub-types	see sub-types	see sub-types
7.13.2	script	yes	yes	revise to be covered by 5.4
7.13.2.4	details of script	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.13.3	form of musical notation	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.13.3.4	details of form of musical notation	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4

7.13.4	form of tactile notation	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.13.4.4	details of form of tactile notation	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.15.5.4	details of form of notated movement	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.14	accessibility content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.15	illustrative content	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.15.1.4	details of illustrative content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.16	supplementary content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.17	colour content	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.17.1.4	details of colour content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.18	sound content	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.19	aspect ratio	yes and no—list of terms in language of agency	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.19.1.4.1.4	details of aspect ratio	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.20	format of notated music	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.20.1.4	details of format of notated music	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.21	medium of performance of musical content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.22	duration	yes and no—might use terms that are referred to B.5.3	N/A because abbreviations are in list	no change needed
7.22.1.5	details of duration	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.25	scale	see sub-types	see sub-types	see sub-types

7.25.2	scale of still image or three-dimensional form	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.25.3	horizontal scale of cartographic content	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.25.3	vertical scale of cartographic content	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.25.5	additional scale information	yes and no—could be a quotation from resource	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.25.6	scale designation	yes	N/A because terms are in list	no change needed
7.26	projection of cartographic content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.27	other details of cartographic content	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.28	award	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4
7.29	note on expression	yes	no	provide instruction in 5.4