

## L 530 - Occupation/Field of Activity Category

**BACKGROUND:** *Terms in the Occupation/Field of Activity category refer to the activity or avocation associated with the group members, whether paid or unpaid (e.g., academic librarians; chess players; queens). Terms for members of religious orders (e.g., Benedictines) are not included in the Occupation/Field of Activity category; instead, they are in the Social category (see L 540 - Social Category).*

*In MARC authority records the category is represented by the three-letter code **occ**. This instruction sheet provides specific guidelines on assigning terms from the Occupation/Field of Activity category to bibliographic records and to authority records for works, as well as guidelines on establishing new terms in the category. For examples of MARC 21 records to which demographic group terms have been assigned, see*

- *L 550 - MARC Coding for Audience in Bibliographic and Work Authority Records*
- *L 555 - MARC Coding for Creators in Bibliographic and Work Authority Records*
- *L 560 - MARC Coding for Entity Attributes in Personal Name Authority Records*

*For examples of MARC 21 authority records for LC demographic group terms, see L 545 - MARC Authority Records for LCDGT.*

### ***1. Assigning terms in bibliographic records and in authority records for works or persons.***

***a. General rule.*** Assign terms in accordance with the special provisions below, and with the following instruction sheets.

- L 480 - Assignment of Terms: Audience Characteristics
- L 485 - Assignment of Terms: Creator Characteristics
- L 490 - Assignment of Terms: Entity Attributes for Persons

***b. Terms describing the characteristics of the creator/contributor when the resource is in the creator/contributor's area of principal activity.*** Do not assign a term from the Occupation/Field of Activity category when the term is redundant with the format of resource being cataloged. Such situations frequently occur when cataloging creative works. *Examples:*

The demographic group term **Composers** *would not* be assigned to a symphony that was created by someone who is primarily known as a composer.

The demographic group term **Composers** *would* be assigned to a novel written by a creator who self-identifies as a composer.

### ***2. Proposing terms.***

**a. General rule.** Establish terms according to the guidelines in L 435-L 465 and the special provisions below.

**b. Specialties within occupations.** Do not add a parenthetical qualifier to a general term to designate a specialty within an occupation. Bring out a specialty by creating a phrase. *Example:*

Criminal defense lawyers

*not* Lawyers (Criminal defense)

**c. Employees of specific corporate bodies.** Do not propose terms for employees of specific corporate bodies (e.g, Library of Congress employees).