



CONSER standard record practice – LAC implementation

Effective June 1, 2007, Library and Archives Canada will implement *CONSER standard record practice* subject to the LAC rule interpretations (new and/or revised) and guidelines at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/6/18/s18-221-e.html>. This standard level will replace LAC's former full level and these guidelines will be applied to all levels of serials cataloguing. Some adjustments regarding nationally-applicable elements, however, may be necessary to meet institutional needs.

Implementation of the *CONSER standard record practice* includes the following changes from AACR2:

- a) giving an access point for the responsible person/corporate body without giving the statement of responsibility as a descriptive element;
- b) not transcribing parallel titles in field 245 but give in 246 (LAC will, however, transcribe a parallel title if it is in English and/or French in 245 \$b);
- c) giving only the first place of publication (LAC will also give a subsequently named Canadian place of publication if the first named place is not in Canada);
- d) giving numbering only as a note (unformatted 362 field).

In addition, implementation includes the following change in LC/CONSER practice: a conflict-breaking uniform title will be constructed only for serials with generic titles, for newspapers, and for monographic series.

When a derived record is used as the basis of cataloguing, elements not required by the CONSER standard record practice will not be deleted.

CONSER documentation (http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/CONSER_documentation.pdf) containing further details is to be used in conjunction with the LAC rule interpretations and guidelines (<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/6/18/index-e.html>). The full CONSER report can be viewed at: <http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/alrFinalReport.html>

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