

415 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL NAME

Field Definition and Scope

Variant or non-preferred form of the territorial or geographical name in field 215.

It is formulated in accordance with the cataloguing rules or subject system in use by the agency which created it.

Territorial names alone or only with subdivisions as additions are considered territorial names (field 415); territorial names followed by a corporate body subdivision are considered corporate names (field 410).

In some cases, this field may refer to another 2-- field following the subject system in use by the agency.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
415	VARIANT ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL NAME	R	O
a	Entry Element	NR	MA
b	Intermediate Location	R	O
c	Broader Location	NR	O
d	Addition to Name or Qualifier	R	O
j	Form Subdivision	R	O
l	Start Period of Use	NR	O
m	End Period of Use	NR	O
x	Topical Subdivision	R	O
y	Geographical Subdivision	R	O
z	Chronological Subdivision	R	O
0	Instruction Phrase	NR	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
5	Relationship Control	NR	O
6	Interfield Linking Data	NR	O
7	Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point	NR	O
8	Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point	NR	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

Portion of the name used as the entry element in the access point; that part of the name by which the name is entered in ordered lists.

This subfield must be present when the field is present. Not repeatable.

\$b Intermediate Location

Intermediate location, such as a district, county, state, or other geographic subdivision within the broader location recorded in \$c.

Repeatable if multiple intermediate locations need to be recorded.

\$c Broader Location

Broader location of the territorial or geographical name, such as the country or continent to which the territorial or geographical name belongs.

Not repeatable.

\$d Addition to Name or Qualifier

Addition to the name of the territorial or geographical name added by the cataloguer.

Repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material.

Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$l Start Period of Use

Start period of use of a name, if the entity has several successive names.

Not repeatable. (EX [10](#))

List of fixed length data elements for subfield \$l:

Name of Data Element	Number of Characters	Character Position
Era	1	0
Date	8	1-8
Date Reliability	1	9

The data element Era is mandatory if the subfield is used.

\$m End Period of Use

Final date of usage of a name, if the entity has several successive names.

Not repeatable. (EX [9](#), [10](#))

List of fixed length data elements for subfield \$m:

Name of Data Element	Number of Characters	Character Position
Era	1	0
Date	8	1-8
Date Reliability	1	9

The data element Era is mandatory if the subfield is used.

\$x Topical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the topic the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to the territory or geographical name that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify the period in time in relation to a territory or geographical name that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$0 Instruction Phrase

See specification of [Control Subfield 0](#). Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

See specification of [Control Subfield 2](#). Not repeatable.

Use for identification code of a subject system or a cataloguing rules that differ from the system in subfield 152b, and in which the variant access point appears.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#). Not repeatable.

Use for the control number identifier of the related reference record that is used for display in preference to generating a display from the 415. Subfield \$3 may be used when the field also contains subfields \$2 and \$5 in which character position 1 contains value “0”.

\$5 Relationship Control

See specification of [Control Subfield 5](#). Not repeatable.

\$6 Interfield Linking Data

See specification of [Control Subfield 6](#). Repeatable.

\$7 Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 7](#). Not repeatable.

\$8 Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 8](#). Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents**\$1/0 Era**

1-character code indicates the era associated with the entity described. Mandatory.

#	CE
-	BC

\$1/1-8 Date

8-numeric characters in ISO standard form (ISO 8601) for dates: YYYYMMDD where YYYY represents the year, MM the month with leading 0 if necessary and DD the day of the month with leading 0 if necessary.

If any digit in a year, month, or day is unknown or not needed, the character position should be left blank.

\$1/9 Date Reliability

1-character code indicates the reliability of the date.

#	certain date
?	uncertain date

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#	certain date
?	uncertain date

Related Fields

215 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL NAME
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Examples

EX 1
215 ##\$aAustralia
415 ##\$aCommonwealth of Australia
415 ##\$aNew Holland
EX 2
215 ##\$aMcAlester (Okla.)
415 ##\$aMcAlester, Okla.
EX 3
250 ##\$aВойна в зоне Персидского залива\$z1990 – 1991
415 ##\$aПерсидский залив\$xВооруженный конфликт\$z1990 – 1991
EX 4
215 ##\$aМорейский принципат
415 ##\$aАхейское княжество
EX 5
215 ##\$aПа-де-Кале, пролив
415 ##\$aДуврский пролив

EX 6
250 ##\$aФалеристика\$yАндропов, г.
415 ##\$aАндропов, г.\$xФалеристика
EX 7
250 ##\$aGuerres napoléoniennes (1800-1815)\$xCampagnes et batailles\$yRussie
415 ##\$aFrance\$z+* 1812.....- 1812.....+:1812: (Invasion de la Russie)
415 ##\$aRussie\$z+* 1812.....- 1812.....+:1812: (Invasion)
450 ##\$aCampagne de Russie (1812)
EX 8
215 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aNuits-Saint-Georges (Côte-d'Or, France)\$dVille
415 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aConcoeur (Côte-d'Or, France)\$dVille
415 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8fre\$9\$aCorboin (Côte-d'Or, France)\$dVille
EX 9
215 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aIstanbul (Istanbul, Turquie)
415 ##\$5a\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aConstantinople\$m#1930#####
415 ##\$5a\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aByzance\$m#0330#####
EX 10
215 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aIstanbul (Istanbul, Turquie)
415 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aConstantinople\$l#0330#####m#1930#####

History

2024	Text edit.
2025	New subfields (\$b, \$c, \$d, \$l, \$m,) and examples (8-10).