

011 ISSN

Field Definition

This field contains the ISSN as assigned by an ISSN Centre, any ISSN which has been assigned and cancelled, details of terms of availability and/or price. It corresponds to the ISBD(CR) Standard Number (or Alternative) and Terms of Availability Area, although the Key Title is entered in field 530.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable if the record includes more than one continuing resource title, or medium.

Indicators

Indicator 1: Level of Interest Indicator

This indicator specifies the level of interest of the continuing resource as being of international and national interest as opposed to local interest as defined in the ISSN manual. Refer to ISSN Centres for further information.

Level not specified / Not applicable

0 Continuing resource of international or national interest

1 Continuing resource of local interest

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

\$a Number (ISSN)

A correctly applied ISSN including the hyphen between the fourth and fifth digits. Not repeatable.

\$b Qualification

Used to distinguish between ISSN if a record contains more than one. Not repeatable. Not used by the ISSN International Centre.

\$d Terms of Availability and/or Price

The price of the item and any comment on its availability (EX 3,6). Repeatable.

\$f ISSN-L or linking ISSN

An ISSN designated by the ISSN network to link together various medium versions of a continuing resource (EX 10,11). Not repeatable.

\$g Cancelled ISSN-L

This includes an ISSN-L incorrectly designated to a continuing resource (EX 12). Repeatable.

- \$y** Cancelled ISSN
This includes any ISSN that was formerly valid but which has been cancelled by an ISSN centre (EX 2). Repeatable.
- \$z** Erroneous ISSN or ISSN-L
This includes any incorrect ISSN or ISSN-L other than those recorded in \$g or \$y. Most often this will be the result of a printing error. Repeatable (EX 5).

Notes on Field Contents

The ISSN is a unique and unambiguous identification number for continuing resources assigned in accordance with ISO 3297. The system for allocating ISSN is controlled by the ISSN International Centre based in Paris. National Centres allocate ISSN to new continuing resources from a batch of numbers allocated to them by the ISSN International Centre, and communicate them to the Centre.

Data format:

An ISSN consists of eight digits. These are the Arabic numerals 0 to 9, except in the case of the last or check digit where a roman numeral X (capital X) can occur. Since ISSN are likely to be used in the same context as codes designed for other purposes, such as the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or control numbers, a distinction must be preserved in the form of presentation when printed or displayed. An ISSN is, therefore, preceded by the letters 'ISSN' and a space, and appears as two groups of four digits separated by a hyphen, for example: ISSN 1234-5679. The check digit is always located in the extreme right position, and is calculated on a modulus 11 basis using weights 8 to 2. The letters ISSN are not included in field 011 in the UNIMARC record, though the hyphen is. Detailed specifications for the ISSN and calculation of its check digit are found in ISO 3297.

Punctuation:

A hyphen should separate the fourth and fifth digits of a valid or cancelled ISSN or ISSN-L. No other punctuation should be present. Punctuation for the \$b, \$f, \$g and \$d subfields is entered in these subfields according to the practices of the agency preparing the record.

ISSN-L or linking ISSN:

This functionality of the ISSN is defined in the International Standard ISO 3297:2007, Information and documentation – International Standard Serial number (ISSN). The purpose of the ISSN-L is to provide a mechanism for grouping, or collocating the various medium versions of a resource, for instance, the print and online versions of a journal.

Multiple ISSN:

Any ISSN or ISSN-L that is wrongly assigned and then cancelled or wrongly printed is entered in subfield \$g if it is a cancelled ISSN-L or subfield \$y Cancelled ISSN or \$z Erroneous ISSN respectively. Such ISSN should be entered in the same field as the correctly assigned ISSN.

Those agencies following ISSN International Centre practices for making records of continuing resources will always have only one valid ISSN in field 011 of their records. Those agencies with different practices for making records of continuing resources may have records which contain more than one valid ISSN in repeated 011 fields.

Some agencies use the ISSN as record identifier and enter it in field 001. In these cases the ISSN should also be entered in field 011.

Related Fields

- 010 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBER (ISBN)
A number similar in use to the ISSN but applied to books.
- 013 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD MUSIC NUMBER (ISMN)
A number similar in use to the ISBN but applied to printed music.
- 040 CODEN
An additional identification system for continuing resources.
- 225 SERIES
An ISSN for a series to which the item being catalogued belongs may be entered in subfield 225 \$x.
- 530 KEY TITLE
The Key title part of the ISBD(CR) Standard Number (or Alternative) and Terms of Availability Area is entered in field 530.
- 4-- LINKING ENTRY BLOCK
An ISSN that is assigned to a higher level bibliographic item (series) or a lower level bibliographic item (sub-series) that is related to the continuing resource being catalogued, may be entered in an 011 field embedded in the appropriate linking entry field (4--) or in a \$x if the embedded field technique is not used..

Examples

EX 1: 011 ##\$a0003-9756

The ISSN for Archives européennes de sociologie is ISSN 0003-9756.

EX 2: 011 ##\$a0105-0064\$y0036-5646

Scandinavian times and Scandinavian times magazine were allocated the same ISSN, 0036-5645. This number is cancelled and a new number allocated to each. The example gives the contents of the ISSN field in the record of the Scandinavian times.

EX 3: 011 ##\$a0260-7743\$dFree to members of the federation only

The Newsletter of the London Federation of Museums and Art Galleries has the ISSN 0260-7743. Details of terms of availability are included in the record.

- EX 4: 011 ##\$a0009-3947\$d£1.00\$d£13.25 yearly
Both a single issue price and a subscription rate are given on the item.
- EX 5: 011 ##\$a0263-3264\$z0226-7223\$z0068-2691
Two different ISSN are given on the Yearbook of European law, 1984 edition. Both are wrong. The correct and the two incorrect ISSN are listed in the field.
- EX 6: 011 ##\$d£2.95
The Moomins annual has a price; but no ISSN has been assigned.
- EX 7: 011 0#\$a0011-1643
ISSN of the continuing resource Croatica chemical acta, which is of international interest
- EX 8: 011 1#\$a1144-9853
ISSN of the continuing resource Bulletin – Académie musicologique du Forez, which is of local interest
- EX 9: 011 1#\$a0884-402X
ISSN of the continuing resource The racing report, which is of local interest
- EX 10: 011 0#\$a1819-1371\$f1819-1371
ISSN and ISSN-L of the continuing resource Construction law international, which is published in printed form, with no other medium form
- EX 11: Record for printed version
011 0#\$a1818-5894\$f1818-5894

Record for online version
011 0#\$a1818-5940\$f1818-5894

ISSNs and ISSN-L of the continuing resource Social policy highlight, which is published in printed and online forms
- EX 12: (Fictitious examples)
Record for printed version
011 0#\$a1234-1231\$f1234-1231

Record for online version
011 #a1560-1560\$f1234-1231\$g1560-1560

The medium versions of the resource were identified separately and not immediately linked together, by mistake.