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## Data Service: Advance information about planned changes in MARC 21 format for authority data from September 2017 (Export Release 2017.03)

Dear Sir or Madam

Since the 2017.02 release is being omitted this year we will be providing information about the expected changes in Export Release 2017.03.

Information on the release cycle can be obtained at: <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ>.

Please note that this advance information on possible future changes is, by its nature, incomplete; changes may also be postponed to a later release or shelved entirely. Similarly, there may also be further major changes to the content. Which points are in fact implemented can be found in the corresponding release announcement which will be published in mid-June 2017.

Planned changes in the release scheduled for mid-September 2017 include the following:

- | In the MARC leader, position 18 (Punctuation policy) is changed from "#" to "c" (Punctuation omitted).
- | The cataloguing level is no longer delivered in the local MARC field 079 (Authority data-specific encodings) subfield \$c (Cataloguing level) but in MARC field 042 (Authentication Code) subfield \$a (Authentication code). Code from the MARC Authentication Action Code List<sup>1</sup>.
- | The entity type<sup>2</sup> and the codes for entity specific types<sup>3</sup> are also no longer delivered in the local MARC field 079 subfields \$b (Type of entity) and \$v (Codes for entity subdivisions) but in the new repeatable MARC field 075 (Type of Entity) in the subfields \$b (Type of entity code) and \$2 (Source).
- | Subfield \$4 (Relationship code) is always usable with a URI in addition to the previously encoded form. Instead of the previous local subfield \$94 (Relationship code) the official, repeatable subfield \$4 (Relationship code) is now delivered with the four-digit GND relationship code, and also with the URI from the GND ontology in MARC fields 4XX and 5XX.
- | MARC field 678 (Biographical or Historical Data): subfield \$b (Expansion) will no longer be recorded and delivered. All content is transported in subfield \$a

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/marcauthen.html>

<sup>2</sup> [www.dnb.de/gndgeneraltyp](http://www.dnb.de/gndgeneraltyp)

<sup>3</sup> [www.dnb.de/gndspecificity](http://www.dnb.de/gndspecificity)

(Biographical or historical data) and subfield \$b is removed from the entry format (Resolution of 8th Expert Group Authority ~~D~~ata meeting<sup>4</sup>).

Definitions for non-self-explanatory preferred names are no longer delivered in MARC field 679 (Definition), but in the new MARC field 677 (Definition) instead.

Information on the person's works are no longer delivered in MARC field 692 (Works of the person) but in MARC field 672 (Title Related to the Entity) (Resolution of 8th Expert Group Authority ~~D~~ata meeting<sup>5</sup>).

First-time delivery of matching candidates in the new MARC field 885 (Matching Information) is being implemented.

The official documentation of the MARC fields described can be found on the Library of Congress website<sup>6</sup>.

The current complete field description for the Integrated Authority File is held on the German National Library website in PDF and Excel versions<sup>7</sup>. In order to provide a brief overview of the changes made since publication of the previous concordance, all changes to the previous version are given on the first pages of the current field description in the PDF versions in each case.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [datendienste@dnb.de](mailto:datendienste@dnb.de) or phone us on the usual numbers.

Yours faithfully,  
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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/DNB/standardisierung/protokolle/pEgNd20160223v.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/DNB/standardisierung/protokolle/pEgNd20160223v.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>