



## Do You Know?

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With respect to an applicant's name, the FCC does not care about an applicant's title or if the applicant has a PHd or belonged to the Delta Tau Chi fraternity.

When completing the NCVEC Form 605 the applicant should enter his name suffix, if applicable, in accordance with the common tradition described below.

The NCVEC Form 605 and the application form in *SessionManager* both have a place to enter a **name suffix**.

- On the NCVEC Form 605 the suffix is entered in the same space as the last name but to the right of the name. It also says "Suffix (Jr., Sr.) in the upper right corner of the box.
- On the application form in *SessionManager* there is a box for the suffix to the right of the box for the last name. The box for the suffix is labeled "Suffix".

So what is a name suffix?

A name suffix, is a Western English-language naming tradition, that follows a person's full name and provides additional information about the person.

Name suffixes carry on a tradition of bestowing an identical name upon subsequent generations. It is then possible to have two or even three males in the same family with identical names, but from different generations and alive simultaneously. For example:

A man with the same name as his father uses "Jr." after his name as long as his father is alive. His father may use the suffix "Sr." for "senior." The son may either drop the suffix after his father's death or, if he prefers, retain it so that he won't be confused with his late father. When a man is named after his father who is a "Jr.," he is called "the third," and the Roman numeral III, is used.

- Robert L. Rose, Sr.
- Robert L. Rose, Jr.
- Robert L. Rose, III (Robert L. Rose the third)

Post-nominal letters, also called post-nominal initials, post-nominal titles or designator letters, are also a suffix but are not considered as a name suffix. There are typically letters placed after a person's name to indicate that that individual holds a position, academic degree, accreditation, office, military decoration, or honor, or is a member of a religious institute or fraternity.

- Robert L. Rose, PHd
- Robert L. Rose, Delta Tau Chi

Titles are different than suffixes because they appear in front of a person's name. A title is a **prefix** added to someone's name in certain contexts. It may signify a military rank, an official

position or a professional or academic qualification. Common examples include: *Capt., Dr., Mayor, Miss, Mr., Mrs., Ms.,* and *Senator*.

- Mr. Robert L. Rose
- MSG Robert L. Rose
- Dr. Robert L. Rose

On occasion, applicants will get confused about what exactly is a name suffix and have been known to enter a title such as Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc. despite the presence of “Sr.” and “Jr.” on the NCEVEC Form 605. If an applicant incorrectly enters a title (e.g., Mr., Mrs., etc.) as a suffix, a VE, after inspecting a completed NCVEC Form 605, must politely explain the difference between a suffix and a title and remove (erase or use “white out”) the incorrect information and replace it with correct information, if appropriate.

When entering an applicant’s name into the *SessionManager* application, the person entering the data, should only enter a name suffix, if applicable, in accordance with the common naming tradition described above. Do not enter a title or post-nominal letters in lieu of a name suffix. If the applicant has no name suffix, leave the data field empty.

*SessionManager* has been modified to accept only the common suffixes and to remind you that if you change a licensee’s name (add, remove, change the spelling, etc.) you must check the name change box.

**Now you know.**