# Configuring Required and Permitted Subattributes

Complex attributes are made up of several sub-attributes. For example, the Name attribute consists of honorific, given, middle, family, and suffix sub-attributes (as well as various metadata, such as language, type, and primary). It is possible to configure which sub-attributes are required and permitted when adding or editing certain complex attributes.

## Required Subattributes

This functionality is currently supported for Names and Addresses.

There are two places to set this configuration. The first is the CO-wide setting, which will affect the fields required during day-to-day adding and editing of complex attributes. This setting is accessed via *CO Settings*. However, if enrollment flows are in use, the required fields are set on a per-attribute per-enrollment flow basis. The default CO setting does not affect enrollment flows.

Note that the required fields can only be changed for CO Person-attached attributes. The CO-wide setting does not affect attributes attached to Organizational Identities.

## Permitted Subattributes

This functionality is currently supported for Names, only.

Permitted sub-attributes are a CO-wide setting, and this setting *does* affect enrollment flows (CO-1056). As for required sub-attributes, the permitted fields can only be changed for CO Person-attached attributes. The CO-wide setting does not affect attributes attached to Organizational Identities.