

## WRITING ASTROLOGY NAMES ON ASTROLOGY SITES

### *Summary*

The spelling norms of the Lithuanian provide for capitalization as a character of a proper name, distinguishing it from the common name. However, capitalization is only the most general rule that can be easily applied to one-word names. In the case of composed names, there are two ways to write the name: some are written in capital letters the first word, in others there are capitalized every word. This boundary is drawn according to the object to be named: the capitalization of the names of certain objects (e.g. institutions, documents, holidays) is expected to be the first word of the name, and the capitalization of the names of other objects (e.g. astronomical, geographical, mythological) is expected to be each word of the name. However, a group of astrological names is not distinguished and such names are not mentioned among the allocated groups of proper names, so the norm of their writing remains uncoded. Writing astrology names on astrology websites reveals that the well-established and problematic

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the uncertainties and gaps in the norms of writing proper names, which encourages the codification of the norms of writing proper names clearly or adjusted.

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