

Nouns with O/A Forms

Many profession nouns have masculine forms that end in **o**. These forms can be made feminine by changing the **o** to an **a**. Here is a list of very common examples of this type of profession noun.

Spanish	English
el abogado	<i>lawyer</i>
el arquitecto	<i>architect</i>
el bombero	<i>fireman</i>
el camarero	<i>waiter</i>
el carpintero	<i>carpenter</i>
el científico	<i>scientist</i>
el enfermero	<i>nurse</i>
el fotógrafo	<i>photographer</i>
el ingeniero	<i>engineer</i>
el maestro	<i>teacher</i>
el mecánico	<i>mechanic</i>
el médico	<i>doctor</i>
el ministro	<i>minister</i>
el músico	<i>musician</i>

Exceptions

The masculine and feminine forms of the following nouns are the same. Only the article changes to match the gender of the person.

Masculine Profession	Feminine Profession	English
el piloto	la piloto	<i>pilot</i>
el modelo	la modelo	<i>model</i>

Nouns that End in a Consonant

There are also many profession nouns with masculine forms that end in a consonant. These forms can be made feminine by adding an **a** to the end of the masculine form. Here is a list of very common examples of these profession nouns.

Spanish	English
el profesor	<i>teacher</i>
el administrador	<i>administrator</i>
el director	<i>director</i>
el programador	<i>programmer</i>

Spanish	English
el pastor	<i>pastor</i>
el bailarín	<i>dancer</i>
el entrenador	<i>trainer</i>
el escritor	<i>writer</i>

Nouns that Don't Change

There are also many profession nouns that always have the same form.

- If a noun ends in **-ista**, **-ia**, or **e**, only the article changes to match the gender of the person.
- There are also some nouns that always end in **a**, regardless of whether they are masculine or feminine. Most of these end in **-ta**.

Masculine Form	Feminine Form	English
el dentista	la dentista	<i>dentist</i>
el policía	la policía	<i>police officer</i>

Here is a list of common professions that follow this rule.

el/la atleta	<i>athlete</i>
el/la detective	<i>detective</i>
el/la cantante	<i>singer</i>
el/la estudiante	<i>student</i>
el/la electricista	<i>electrician</i>
el/la artista	<i>artist</i>
el/la oficinista	<i>office worker</i>
el/la florista	<i>florist</i>