

4. HUNGARIAN TOPONYMIC GUIDELINES

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- **Languages:** Hungarian, minority languages

A. LANGUAGES

Hungarian is the only nation-wide official language in Hungary. Minority languages have only local importance, but minority toponyms are shown on some type of maps (see under item A.5, Minority languages). Hungarian is written in the Roman alphabet with the addition of diacritical marks for vowels, and character combinations for consonants as against the original Roman alphabet.

1. Hungarian alphabet

The alphabet is given here showing the sound represented by each character or combination of characters with the help of the IPA phonetic alphabet.

1. A a Á á	[a, a]	14. J j	[j]	27. Sz sz	[s]
2. B b	[b]	15. K k	[k]	28. T t	[t]
3. C c	[tʃ]	16. L l	[l]	29. Ty ty	[tʃ]
4. Cs cs	[tʃ]	17. Ly ly	[j]	30. U u, Ú ú	[u, u:]
5. D d	[d]	18. M m	[m]	31. Ű ű, Ű ű	[y, y:]
6. Dz, dz	[dz]	19. N n	[n]	32. V v	[v]
7. Dzs, dzs	[dʒ]	20. Ny ny	[nj]	33. *W w	[v]
8. E e, É é	[e, e:]	21. O o, Ó ó	[o, o:]	34. *X x	[ks]
9. F f	[f]	22. Ö ö, Ő ő	[ø, ø:]	35. *Y y	[i]
10. G g	[g]	23. P p	[p]	36. Z z	[z]
11. Gy gy	[j]	24. *Q q	[k]	37. Zs zs	[ʒ]
12. H h	[h]	25. R r	[r]		
13. I I, Í í	[i, i:]	26. S s	[ʃ]		

Other letters considered as obsolete, occur in traditional family names, and in very few cases, in place names

aa	[a:]	eő	[ø]	th	[t]
ch	[tʃ]	ew	[ø]	ts	[tʃ]
cz	[ts]	oó	[o:]		
eé	[e:]	s	[s]		

- **Names authorities and names standardization**
- **Source materials**
- **Glossary of generic terms**

D. GLOSSARY OF GENERIC TERMS, DESIGNATIONS, AND ATTRIBUTES OF GEOGRAPHIC CHARACTER

ág	branch, arm of a river or creek
akna	shaft, pit of a mine
alföld	lowland, plain
állami gazdaság	state farm
állás	resting place for grazing animals
allé	alley, walk (lined with trees)



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also	lower
alszeg	lower or southern part of a village
alvég	= alszeg
árok	ditch, canal, ravine
aszó	ravine, dry valley, gully
bánya	1. mine, quarry; 2. pit, pot-hole
barlang	cave, cavern
belső	inner
belterület	a designation and legal entity: continuously built-up central area, or several discontinuous built-up areas of a commune, or of a district of the capital
bérc	1. peak, crag, rock; 2. hill
berek	1. grove, copse; 2. reedy marsh
bokor	1. bush; 2. group of farmsteads
bozót	thicket, scrub
csapás	1. path, trail; 2. track of grazing animals with its surroundings
csárda	wayside inn
csatorna	canal
csúcs	peak, summit
dél	1. south; 2. southern slope
déli	southern
delelő	place where grazing animals have a rest at noon

- **Abbreviations**

N.-	Nagy-	[part of a name]
ne	nevezetesség	a designation: point of interest
NK.	népköztársaság	people's republic [obsolete]
nk	nagyközség	large commune, a commune of major local importance
nkk.	nagyközségkörnyék	major commune district [obsolete]
NKKK	nagyközségkörnyék központ	seat of major commune district [obsolete]
NKKT	nagyközségi közös tanács	joint major commune council [obsolete]
NKT	nagyközségi tanács	major commune council [obsolete]
N. M.	Nógrád megye	[name]
NP.	nemzeti park	national park, natural reserve of national importance
(nt.)	növénytermesztés	plant-farming
Ny	nyugat(i)	west(ern)
-ny.	nyereg	saddle, (mountain) pass
O.	ország	country
o.	olaj	oil
ORSZ.	ország	country
Ő -ő	őrház	watch-house, guard-house [also part of a name]

ÖB.	öböl	bay, bight
P.	parkoló	car-park
-p.	patak	brook, creek, stream
Ph.	posta- és táviró hivatal	post and telegraph office
P. M.	Pest megye	[name]
-psz.	puszta	1. lowland plain; 2. waste land; 3. farm; 4. surrounding fields of a farmstead
Pu., -pu.	pályaudvar	railway station
R.	rom	ruin
Rád.	rádióállomás	transmitter
REPTÉR	repülőtér	airport
Rkt.	raktár	storehouse
Ró.	rakodó	loading platform

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