

Pashto

No romanization system for Pashto (Afghan) has been approved at the United Nations conferences on the standardization of geographical names.

Pashto uses a Perso-Arabic script that is written from right to left. As in Arabic and Persian, vowels are marked only sporadically to indicate pronunciation, otherwise they are omitted.

System of romanization

The **BGN/PCGN 1968 System** gives the following romanization:

1	ا	_A	15	ذ	z̄	29	غ	gh
2	ب	b	16	ر	r	30	ف	f
3	پ	p	17	ړ	r̄	31	ق	q
4	ت	t	18	ز	z	32	ک	k
5	ټ	t̄	19	ژ	zh	33	گ	g ^C
6	ټ	s̄	20	ړ	<u>zh</u>	34	ل	l
7	ج	j	21	س	s	35	م	m
8	چ	ch	22	ش	sh	36	ن	n
9	څ	ts	23	ښ	<u>sh</u>	37	ښ	n̄
10	ځ	dz ^B	24	ص	ṣ	38	و	w
11	ح	ḥ	25	ض	z̄	39	ه	h
12	خ	kh	26	ط	ṭ	40	ی (ي)	y
13	د	d	27	ظ	z̄			
14	ډ	d̄	28	ع	‘			

^A Not romanized in word-initial position, but see romanizations accompanying *alip* (ل) in the table for vowels.

^B This character is sometimes also seen as ج with a dot above (ج̇).

^C This character is also written as گ.

Vowel characters and diacritical marks (ب stands for any consonant)

1	ب	a	8	بو	aw	15	بُو	ow
2	با	ā	9	باو	āw	16	بُوِي	ūy
3	بِ	i	10	بَ	ê	17	بَاِي	āy
4	بِي	ī	11	ی	êy	18	آ	ā
5	بِي	ī	12	ئِي	êy	19	ء	’
6	بِي	ay	13	بُ	u	20	بَ	(A)
7	بِي	ē	14	بُو	ū	21	بَا	á

^A Doubling of consonant letter.

Note. For specific romanization rules of *Alif*, *Hamzah* and other elements see the original BGN/PCGN System.