Typing in Tigrinya (Eritrean Conventions)

The Tigrinya keyboard (**ት**) provides *only* the letters used in modern Eritrean Tigrinya. It uses a system whereby the Tigrinya sounds are matched to the English letters (a style called "phonetic"). You can think of how a word sounds in Tigrinya and then type it out with English.

>	Example: typing **selamat** becomes ሰላማት

Because Tigrinya has more sounds than English we sometimes have to adjust this rule. For example English does not have 'ጸ' or 'ቐ' and the closest similar letters would be 's' and 'q' respectively. In this case you should type with "capital S" and "capital Q":

>	Example: typing **SbuQ** becomes ጹቡቐ

When the letter you want to type does not appear when you hit the similar sounding key in English, try using the capital next. If typing the capital does not work, then try hitting the key two times:

>	Example: typing **aarbi** becomes ዓርቢ

Next, when you need to type the extra letters of Tigrinya like **ሏ፡ ሟ፡ ኚ** you can do so by typing an extra vowel after a 'u':

>	Example: typing **mua** becomes ሟ
>	Example: typing **guie** becomes ጒ

Finally, we must introduce a special rule for ' (apostrophe). Some words are spelt with a ሳድስ (6th) letter followed by a vowel, like ርኤ in ገብርኤል. We use the apostrophe here to type "gebr'iel" to make sure we get "ርኤ" instead of 'ሬ'.

>	Example: typing **wag'u** becomes ዋግኡ
>	Example: typing **T'uum** becomes ጥኡም

We also use the hash mark for Ge'ez numbers, so #1 becomes ፩ and so on. If a '#' is needed in your document, just type # twice. This works for other punctuation as well, typing ';' once produces '፤' and a second time gives English ';'. The typing table shows how to type all Tigrinya letters, numbers and punctuation.

Tigrinya Typing Table

ቤተሰብ	ግዕዝ	ካዕብ	ሣልስ	ራብዕ	ኃምስ	ሳድስ	ሳብዕ	ዘመደ-ግዕዝ	ዘመደ-ካዕብ	ዘመደ-ሣልስ	ዘመደ-ራብዕ	ዘመደ-ኃምስ
ሆይ	ህ he	ሁ hu	ሂ hi	ሃ ha	ሄ hie	ህ h	ሆ ho					
ላዊ	ለ le	ሉ lu	ሊ li	ላ la	ሌ lie	ል l	ሎ lo				ሏ lua	
ሓውት	ሐ He	ሑ Hu	ሒ Hi	ሓ Ha	ሔ Hie	ሕ H	ሖ Ho				ሗ Hua	
ማይ	መ me	ሙ mu	ሚ mi	ማ ma	ሜ mie	ም m	ሞ mo				ሟ mua	
ርእስ	ረ re	ሩ ru	ሪ ri	ራ ra	ሬ rie	ር r	ሮ ro				ሯ rua	
ሳት	ሰ se	ሱ su	ሲ si	ሳ sa	ሴ sie	ስ s	ሶ so				ሷ sua	
ሻ-ሳት	ሸ xe	ሹ xu	ሺ xi	ሻ xa	ሼ xie	ሽ x	ሾ xo				ሿ xua	
ቃፍ	ቀ qe	ቁ qu	ቂ qi	ቃ qa	ቄ qie	ቅ q	ቆ qo	ቌ que	ቍ qui	ቍ quu	ቋ qua	ቌ quie
ቓ-ቃፍ	ቐ Qe	ቑ Qu	ቒ Qi	ቓ Qa	ቔ Qie	ቕ Q	ቖ Qo	ቘ Que	ቝ Quu	ቝ Qui	ቛ Qua	ቜ Quie
ቤት	በ be	ቡ bu	ቢ bi	ባ ba	ቤ bie	ብ b	ቦ bo				ቧ bua	
ቬ-ቤት	ቨ ve	ቩ vu	ቪ vi	ቫ va	ቬ vie	ቭ v	ቮ vo				ቯ vua	
ታው	ተ te	ቱ tu	ቲ ti	ታ ta	ቴ tie	ት t	ቶ to				ቷ tua	
ቻ-ታው	ቸ ce	ቹ cu	ቺ ci	ቻ ca	ቼ cie	ች c	ቾ co				ቿ cua	
ነሓስ	ነ ne	ኑ nu	ኒ ni	ና na	ኔ nie	ን n	ኖ no				ኗ nua	
ኛ-ነሓስ	ኘ Ne	ኙ Nu	ኚ Ni	ኛ Na	ኜ Nie	ኝ N	ኞ No				ኟ Nua	
አልፍ	አ a	ኡ u	ኢ i	ኣ ea	ኤ ie	እ e	ኦ o					
ካፍ	ከ ke	ኩ ku	ኪ ki	ካ ka	ኬ kie	ክ k	ኮ ko	ኰ kue	ኵ kui	ኵ kuu	ኳ kua	ኴ kuie
ኻ-ካፍ	ኸ Ke	ኹ Ku	ኺ Ki	ኻ Ka	ኼ Kie	ኽ K	ኾ Ko	ዀ Kue	ዅ Kuu	ዅ Kui	ዃ Kua	ዄ Kuie
ወዊ	ወ we	ዉ wu	ዊ wi	ዋ wa	ዌ wie	ው w	ዎ wo					

	০ A / aaa	০ Au / uu	৭ Ai / ii	৭ Aa / aa	৭ Aie / iie	৪ Ae / ee	৮ Ao / oo				
০ይን											
ዘይ	ዘ ze	ዙ zu	ዚ zi	ዛ za	ዜ zie	ዝ z	ዞ zo				ዟ zua
ዠ-ዘይ	ዠ Ze	ዡ Zu	ዢ Zi	ዣ Za	ዤ Zie	ዥ Z	ዦ Zo				ዧ Zua
የመነ	የ ye	ዩ yu	ዪ yi	ያ ya	ዬ yie	ይ y	ዮ yo				
ድንት	ደ de	ዱ du	ዲ di	ዳ da	ዴ die	ድ d	ዶ do				ዷ dua
ጅ-ድንት	ጀ je	ጁ ju	ጂ ji	ጃ ja	ጄ jie	ጅ j	ጆ jo				ጇ jua
ገምል	ገ ge	ጉ gu	ጊ gi	ጋ ga	ጌ gie	ግ g	ጎ go	ጐ gue	ጒ gui	ጕ guu	ጓ gua	ጔ guie
ጠይት	ጠ Te	ጡ Tu	ጢ Ti	ጣ Ta	ጤ Tie	ጥ T	ጦ To				ጧ Tua
ጨ-ጠይት	ጨ Ce	ጩ Cu	ጪ Ci	ጫ Ca	ጬ Cie	ጭ C	ጮ Co				ጯ Cua
ጰይት	ጰ Pe	ጱ Pu	ጲ Pi	ጳ Pa	ጴ Pie	ጵ P	ጶ Po				ጷ Pua
ጸደይ	ጸ Se	ጹ Su	ጺ Si	ጻ Sa	ጼ Sie	ጽ S	ጾ So				ጿ Sua
አፍ	ፈ fe	ፉ fu	ፊ fi	ፋ fa	ፌ fie	ፍ f	ፎ fo				ፏ fua
ፕሳ	ፐ pe	ፑ pu	ፒ pi	ፓ pa	ፔ pie	ፕ p	ፖ po				ፗ pua
	፡ ፣	። ፤	፣ ፤	፤ ፤፤	፥ ፥፥	፦ ፤-	፧ ??			' ' ' '	, ,,,	; ;;;
	፩ #1	፪ #2	፫ #3	፬ #4	፭ #5	፮ #6	፯ #7	፰ #8	፱ #9		
	፲ #10	፳ #20	፴ #30	፵ #40	፶ #50	፷ #60	፸ #70	፹ #80	፺ #90	፻ #100	፲፻ #1000	፼ #10000

Typing all languages

Since the creation of the Unicode system for Ethiopic many letters have become available on the computer. Unicode defines 461 letters for Ethiopic writing in many languages. This is too many letters for Tigrinya so to avoid typing unexpected letters they are not allowed in the Tigrinya keyboard. However, on the occasion that you need to type Ethiopic letters outside of Tigrinya, you can do so with the "Unicode Keyboard".

There are two ways to start the Unicode keyboard:

1. Type Ctrl + Alt + Y   this should make the 🔵 icon appear in your task bar and the Unicode keyboard is ready.

2. Click on the 🔶 icon in your task bar then select the 🔵 icon and the Unicode keyboard is ready.

The typing of letters for other languages is described in the following sections.

Ge'ez

ሠ	ሡ	ሢ	ሣ	ሤ	ሥ	ሦ				ሢ	
sse	ssu	ssi	ssa	ssie	ss	sso				ssua	
ሐ	ሑ	ሒ	ሓ	ሔ	ሕ	ሖ	ሗ	ሗ	ሗ	ሗ	ሗ
hhe	hhu	hhi	hha	hhie	hh	hho	hue	hui	huu	hua	huie
ፀ	ፁ	ፂ	ፃ	ፄ	ፅ	ፆ					
SSe	SSu	SSi	SSa	SSie	SS	SSo					

Zaima Notation

ይዘት	ግጹር፥ ርክርክ	ርክርክ	ቁርጥ	ደረት	ድፋት	ጭረት	ቅናት	ሒደት	ደረት፥ ሒደት
፣	፥	፤	፦	፧	፨	፠	፡	፨	፨
_1	_2	_3	_4	_5	_6	_7	_8	_9	_0

Punctuation

፤	※	⁙
??	:+	:#

Ge'ez numbers can also be typed with the Unicode keyboard without requiring the typing of a **'** before a number. This way is a little easier than typing numbers from the Blin keyboard.

Awngi/Blin/Kayla/Kufal/Quara/Qimant/Xamtanga

ጘ	ጙ	ጚ	ጛ	ጜ	ጝ	ጞ
Ge	Gu	Gi	Ga	Gie	G	Go
ጘዮ	ጙዮ	ጙዪ	ጚ	ጛዮ		
Gue	Guu	Gui	Gua	Guie		

Bench/Dizi

ሽ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ
xxe	xxu	xxi	xxa	xxie	xx	xxo
ቸ	ቹ	ቺ	ቻ	ቼ	ች	ቾ
cce	ccu	cci	cca	ccie	cc	cco
ጐ	ጐ	ጐ	ጐ	ጐ	ጐ	ጐ
ZZe	ZZu	ZZi	ZZa	ZZie	ZZ	ZZo
ጨ	ጩ	ጪ	ጫ	ጬ	ጭ	ጮ
CCe	CCu	CCi	CCa	CCie	CC	CCo

Me'en/Mursi/Suri

ሀ	ሎ	ጦ	ሮ	ሶ	ፆ	ቆ	ቦ	ቶ	ቾ	ፇ	ኖ	ኟ	ኣ
hoa	loa	moa	roa	soa	xoa	qoa	boa	toa	coa	hhoa	noa	Noa	oa
ኮ	ዎ	ዞ	ዮ	ዶ	ዷ	ጆ	ጎ	ጠ	ጨ	ጶ	ጾ	ጾ	
koa	woa	zoa	yoa	doa	Doa	joa	goa	Toa	Coa	Poa	SSoa	poa	

Me'en/Mursi/Suri & Historical Oromo/Sidama

ደ	ዱ	ዲ	ዳ	ዴ	ድ	ዶ	ዷ
De	Du	Di	Da	Die	D	Do	Dua

Sebatbeit

ቐ	ቑ	ቒ	ቓ	ቔ	ቕ	ቖ
qye	qyu	qye	qye	qye	qye	qyo
ኸ	ኹ	ኺ	ኻ	ኼ	ኽ	ኾ
kye	kyu	kyi	kya	kyie	ky	kyo
ዀ	ዂ	ዃ	ዄ	ዅ	ዄ	ዀ
Kye	Kyu	Kyi	Kye	Kyie	Ky	Kyo
ጘ	ጙ	ጚ	ጛ	ጜ	ጝ	ጞ
gye	gyu	gyi	gya	gyie	gy	gyo

መ፞	ሙ፞
mue	mui
ቡ፞	ሙ፞
bue	mue
ፉ፞	ፉ፞
fue	fue
ፑ፞	ፑ፞
pue	pue

ሜ	ሙ
muie	muu
ቤ	ቡ
buie	buu
ፈ	ፉ
fuie	fuu
ፔ	ፑ
puie	puu