

ROMANIZATION SYSTEM FOR ARMENIAN
BGN/PCGN 1981 System

The BGN/PCGN system for Armenian was designed for use in romanizing names written in the Armenian alphabet. The Roman letters and letter combinations shown as equivalents to the Armenian characters reflect the eastern variety of Armenian, i.e., the language spoken in the Republic of Armenia.

Armenian			Romanization	Armenian			Romanization
1	Ա	ա	a	21	Ի	ի	y
2	Բ	բ	b	22	Ն	ն	n
3	Գ	գ	g	23	Շ	շ	sh
4	Դ	դ	d	24	Ռ	ռ	o/vo ²
5	Ե	ե	e/ye ¹	25	Չ	չ	ch'
6	Զ	զ	z	26	Պ	պ	p
7	Է	է	e	27	Ջ	ղ	j
8	Ը	ը	y	28	Ր	ր	rr
9	Թ	թ	t'	29	Ս	ս	s
10	Ժ	ժ	zh	30	Վ	վ	v
11	Ի	ի	i	31	Տ	տ	t
12	Լ	լ	l	32	Ր	ր	r
13	Խ	խ	kh	33	Յ	յ	ts'
14	Ծ	ծ	ts	34	Ռ Ի	ու	u
15	Կ	կ	k	35	Փ	փ	p'
16	Հ	հ	h	36	Ք	ք	k'
17	Ձ	ձ	dz	37	Ե Ի	և	ev/ye ³
18	ղ	ղ	gh	38	Օ	օ	o
19	Ճ	ճ	ch	39	Ֆ	ֆ	f
20	Մ	մ	m				

NOTES

1. The character ㄷ should be romanized **ye** initially and after the vowel characters ㅜ , ㅓ , ㅕ , ㅗ , ㅛ , ㅜ , and ㅟ . In all other instances, it should be romanized **e**.
2. The character ㅛ should be romanized **vo** initially except in the word ㅛㄷ , which should be romanized **ov**. In all other instances, it should be romanized **o**.
3. The character ㄹ should be romanized **yev** initially, in isolation, and after the vowel characters ㅜ , ㅓ , ㅕ , ㅗ , ㅛ , ㅜ , and ㅟ . In all other instances, it should be romanized **ev**.