

ROMANIZATION SYSTEM FOR TURKMEN
BGN/PCGN 1979 System

The BGN/PCGN system for Turkmen was designed for use in romanizing names written in the Turkmen alphabet. The Turkmen alphabet contains five characters not present in the Russian alphabet: ж, ң, ө, ү, and ә.

	Turkmen				Romanization		Turkmen				Romanization
1	A	a	Ä	ä	a	20	П	п	П	n	p
2	Б	б	В	в	b	21	Р	р	Р	p	r
3	В	в	В	в	w	22	С	с	С	c	s
4	Г	г	Г	г	g	23	Т	т	Т	m	t
5	Д	д	Д	д	d	24	У	у	У	y	u
6	Е	е	Е	е	e, ye ¹	25	Ү	ү	Ү	γ	ü
7	Ё	ё	Ё	ё	yo	26	Ф	ф	Ф	φ	f
8	Ж	ж	Ж	ж	zh	27	Х	х	Х	x	h
9	Ж	ж	Ж	ж	j	28	Ц	ц	Ц	ц	ts
10	З	з	З	з	z	29	Ч	ч	Ч	ч	ch
11	И	и	И	и	i	30	Ш	ш	Ш	ш	sh
12	Й	й	Й	й	y	31	Щ	щ	Щ	щ	shch
13	К	к	К	к	k	32	Ъ	ъ	Ъ	ъ	"
14	Л	л	Л	л	l	33	Ы	ы	Ы	ы	y
15	М	м	М	м	m	34	Ь	ь	Ь	ь	'
16	Н	н	Н	н	n	35	Э	э	Э	э	e
17	Ң	ң	Ң	ң	ng	36	Ә	ә	Ә	ә	ä
18	О	о	О	о	o	37	Ю	ю	Ю	ю	yu
19	Ө	ө	Ө	ө	ö	38	Я	я	Я	я	ya

NOTES

1. The character е should be romanized **ye** initially, after the vowel characters а, е, ё, и, о, ө, у, ү, ы, э, ю, and я, and after й, ъ, and ь. In all other instances, it should be romanized **e**.
2. The character sequences зх, нг, cx, and цх may be romanized **z·h**, **n·g**, **s·h**, and **ts·h** in order to differentiate those romanizations from the digraphs **zh**, **ng**, **sh**, and the letter sequence **tsh**, which are used to render the characters ж, ң, ш, and the character sequence тш.
3. The character ы may be romanized **ı** instead of **y**, if so desired.