

Pashto

1. Current status

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.

5. Other systems of romanization

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

ا	- ¹	ح	ḥ	س	s	ق	q
ب	b	خ	kh	ش	sh	ک	k
پ	p	د	d	ښ	<u>sh</u>	گ (گ)	g
ت	t	ډ	<u>d</u>	ص	ṣ	ل	l
ټ	<u>t</u>	ن	<u>z</u>	ض	<u>z</u>	م	m
ټ	<u>t</u>	ر	r	ط	ṭ	ن	n
ټ	<u>t</u>	ړ	<u>r</u>	ظ	<u>z</u>	ڼ	<u>n</u>
چ	j	ز	z	ع	‘	و	w
چ	ch	ژ	zh	غ	gh	ه	h
څ	ts	څ	zh	ف	f	ی (ي)	y
ځ	dz	ځ	<u>zh</u>				

¹ omitted, but see romanizations accompanying *alip* (ا) in the table for vowels

Vowels (• stands for any consonant)

•	a	اَ	ay	اَی	êy	آ	ā
اَ (اَ•)	ā	اَی	ey	•	u	••	’
•	i	اِی	ey	اِو	ū	•	(omitted)
اِی	ī	اِی	ē	اِو	ow	•	(doubling)
اِی	ī	•	ê	اِوی	ūy		