

# 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
1.	Ա	ա	a
2.	Բ	բ	b
3.	Գ	գ	g
4.	Դ	դ	d
5.	Ե	ե	e/ye <sup>1</sup>
6.	Զ	զ	z
7.	Է	է	e
8.	Ը	ը	y
9.	Թ	թ	t'
10.	Ժ	ժ	zh
11.	Ի	ի	i
12.	Լ	լ	l
13.	Խ	խ	kh
14.	Մ	մ	ts
15.	Կ	կ	k
16.	Հ	հ	h
17.	Ջ	ձ	dz
18.	Ղ	ղ	gh
19.	Ճ	ճ	ch
20.	Մ	մ	m

	Armenian		Romanization
21.	ԅ	յ	y
22.	Ն	ն	n
23.	Շ	շ	sh
24.	Ո	ո	o/vo <sup>2</sup>
25.	Չ	չ	ch'
26.	Պ	պ	p
27.	Ջ	ջ	j
28.	Ռ	ր	rr
29.	Ս	ս	s
30.	Վ	վ	v
31.	Տ	տ	t
32.	Ր	ր	r
33.	Ց	ց	ts'
34.	ՈՒ, ՈՒ	ու	u
35.	Փ	փ	p'
36.	Ք	ք	k'
37.	ԵՎ <sup>3</sup>	եւ, էւ <sup>4</sup>	ev / yev <sup>5</sup>
38.	Օ	օ	o
39.	Ֆ	ֆ	f

## NOTES

1. The character **ѣ** should be romanized **ye** initially and after the vowel characters **ѡ** , **ѣ** , **ѥ** , **Ѧ** , **ѧ** , **Ѩ** , **ѩ** , **Ѫ** , **ѫ** , **Ѭ** , **ѭ** and **Ѯ**. In all other instances, it should be romanized **e**.
2. The character **Ѧ** should be romanized **vo** initially except in the word **Ѧѩ**, which should be romanized **ov**. In all other instances, it should be romanized **o**.
3. In Soviet-era sources this upper-case digraph character is found as **ѢѢ**
4. This lower-case character may be seen either in digraph form as **ѣѣ** or in single character form as **ѣ**.
5. The characters **ѢѢ** , **ѣѣ** and **ѣ** should be romanized **yev** initially, in isolation, and after the vowel characters **ѡ** , **ѣ** , **ѥ** , **Ѧ** , **ѧ** , **Ѩ** , **ѩ** , **Ѫ** , and **Ѯ**. In all other instances these characters should be romanized **ev**.