

Uzbek Romanization Table
2017 version

No earlier versions.

Uzbek

Arabic script (1920s)

Consonants

Independent	Initial	Medial	Final	Romanization
ئ	ئ			See Note 1
ب	ب	ب	ب	b
پ	پ	پ	پ	p
ت	ت	ت	ت	t
ج	ج	ج	ج	j
چ	چ	چ	چ	ch
ح	ح	ح	ح	h
خ	خ	خ	خ	kh
د	د	د	د	d
ر	ر	ر	ر	r
ز	ز	ز	ز	z
س	س	س	س	s
ش	ش	ش	ش	sh
ع	ع	ع	ع	'
غ	غ	غ	غ	gh
ف	ف	ف	ف	f
ق	ق	ق	ق	q
ك	ك	ك	ك	k
گ	گ	گ	گ	g
ڭ	ڭ	ڭ	ڭ	ng
ل	ل	ل	ل	l
م	م	م	م	m
ن	ن	ن	ن	n
ه	ه	ه	ه	h
ۋ	ۋ	ۋ	ۋ	v
ي	ي	ي	ي	y
ء	ء	ء	ء	,

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Vowels

Independent	Initial	Medial	Final	Romanization
ا	ئا	ا	ا	a
ې	ئې	ې	ې	e
ى	ئى	ى	ى	i
ي	ئي	ي	ي	ī
و	ئو	و	و	o
ۇ	ئۇ	ۇ	ۇ	u
ۆ	ئۆ	ۆ	ۆ	ö
ۆ	ئە	ە	ە	ă
		ۅ		ۈ

Initial vowels are represented by ئ followed by a vowel letter. The initial ئ is not represented in romanization. In some cases, the short vowel ئ=i is not written in Arabic script. In those cases, the cataloger should supply the unwritten vowel in romanization as ī.

بېزنىڭ

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بېزنىڭ

bېzňing

Arabic script (Afghanistan)

Consonants

Independent	Initial	Medial	Final	Romanization
ا				See Note 2
ب	ب	ب	ب	b
پ	پ	پ	پ	p
ت	ت	ت	ت	t
ٿ	ٿ	ٿ	ٿ	s
ج	ج	ج	ج	j
چ	چ	چ	چ	ch
ح	ح	ح	ح	h
خ	خ	خ	خ	kh
د	د	د	د	d
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	z
ر	ر	ر	ر	r
ز	ز	ز	ز	z

Independent	Initial	Medial	Final	Romanization
ژ	ژ	ژ	ژ	zh
س	س	س	س	s
ش	ش	ش	ش	sh
ص	ص	ص	ص	ṣ
ض	ض	ض	ض	ẓ
ط	ط	ط	ط	ṭ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	ẓ
ع	ع	ع	ع	'
غ	غ	غ	غ	gh
ف	ف	ف	ف	f
ق	ق	ق	ق	q
ك	ك	ك	ك	k
گ	گ	گ	گ	g
ل	ل	ل	ل	l
م	م	م	م	m
ن	ن	ن	ن	n
ه	ه	ه	ه	h
و	و	و	و	v
ي	ي	ي	ي	y
ء	ء	ء	ء	,

Vowels

Independent	Initial	Medial	Final	Romanization
ا	آ	ا	ا	ā (see Note 2)
ې	ې	ې	ې	e
ي	اي	ي	ي	ī
ۇ	اۋ	ۇ	ۇ	ü
و	و	و	و	ū
ه		(ه)	ه	ah (final)

Short vowels are not written.

Initial vowels are preceded by the letter ا (alif). When alif appears in this position, it is not represented in romanization. When alif is used as a vowel, it is romanized as *ā*.

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The vowels ي = *e* and ڦ = *ü* are sometimes replaced by ي = *ī* and و = *ū* respectively. These vowels should be romanized as found, e.g. اُزبېك as *üzbek* but اوزبېك as *üzbîk*.

Cyrillic script

Vernacular	Romanization	Vernacular	Romanization
Upper case letters		Lower case letters	
А	А	а	а
Б	Б	б	б
В	В	в	в
Г	Г	г	г
Д	Д	д	д
Е	Е	е	е
Ё	Ё	ё	ё
Ж	Zh	ж	zh
З	Z	з	z
И	I	и	i
Й	І	й	і
К	К	к	k
Л	Л	л	l
М	М	м	m
Н	Н	н	n
О	О	о	o
П	Р	п	p
Р	R	р	r
С	S	с	s
Т	T	т	t
У	U	у	u
Ф	F	ф	f
Х	Kh	х	kh
Ц	TS	ц	ts
Ч	Ch	ч	ch
Ш	Sh	ш	sh
Ъ	" (hard sign)	ъ	" (hard sign)
Ь	' (soft sign)	ь	' (soft sign)
Э	Ё	э	ё
Ю	ІU	ю	іu
Я	ІA	я	іa
Ғ	Gh	ғ	gh
Қ	Q	қ	q
Ӯ	ӹ	ӻ	ӻ
Ҳ	Ҳ	ҳ	ҳ

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Notes

1. In the initial position *ء* is not represented in romanization. In the Uzbek orthography of the 1920s, initial vowels were represented by a complex of two characters, a *kursī/hamzah* and a long vowel. In these cases, the *kursī/hamzah* is ignored in romanization.
2. In the Uzbek orthography of contemporary Afghanistan, initial vowels begin with an *alif*. The letter *alif* is romanized as *ā* if it appears in a non-initial position.