

Tigrinya

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Current status

No romanization system for Tigrinya has been approved at the United Nations conferences on the standardization of geographical names. No information has been received on whether there exist any national systems of romanization in Eritrea.

The BGN and the PCGN agreed in 1994 to use for Tigrinya the same romanization system as for Amharic, because these two languages share the same syllabic alphabet.

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Other systems of romanization

Tigrinya uses the Ethiopic syllabic alphabet which is the same as used for Amharic (see the section on the romanization of Amharic). In addition at least the following consonant character is used (given here in the BGN/PCGN system for vowels):

ቀ ቁ ቂ ቃ ቄ ቅ ቆ
k'e k'u k'ī k'a k'ē k'i k'o

The consonant character may be romanized **k'** for documentation purposes. There may be other modified characters of the Ethiopian alphabet in use (e.g. ቀ፣).