

Burmese

Consonants

က	ka	ခ	ta	ပ	pa
ခ	kha	င	ṭha	ဖ	pha
ဂ	ga	ည	ḍa	ဗ	ba
ဃ	gha	ဗ	ḍha	ဘ	bha
င	ṅa	ဆ	ṇa	မ	ma
စ	ca	တ	ta	ယ	ya
ဆ	cha	ထ	tha	ရ	ra
ဇ	ja	ဒ	da	လ	la
ဈ	jha	ဓ	dha	ဝ	va
ည	ñña	န	na	သ	sa
ဉ	ña			ဟ	ha
				ဇာ	ḷa
				အ	'a

Vowels (see Note 1)

ာ, ဝါ	ā	ေ	e	ဣ	i
ိ	i	ဲ	ai		ိ
ီ	ī	ေ, ဝေါ	o	ဣ	u
ု, ဝါ	u	ေ, ဝေါ	o'		ု
ူ, ဝါ	ū	ို, ဝါ	ui	ဣ	e
					ို
				ို	o'

Medials

ျ	y	ြ	r
့	v	ှ	h

Medials are written in the order *y* or *r - v - h*, for example:

မျှ myha ကြ krva လှ lvha မြင်း mrvhaṅ'

Notes

1. Some symbols in the Burmese script are attached above, below, or beside a consonant. Where such symbols are listed in this table, the symbol “◌” is used to represent the consonant.
2. Absence of a vowel symbol in the script is represented by *a* in romanization, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) when a different vowel is indicated by its appropriate symbol (see Vowels);
 - (b) when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the symbol ◌ (see Final symbols).

Conjunct consonants

Romanize an upper consonant before a lower one:

တက္ကသိုလ် takkasuil' တိရစ္ဆာန် tiracchān' ကမ္ဘာ kambhā

Note that the following consonants have modified forms when conjunct:

◌်	◌◌	◌◌	◌ñjh	◌	◌ddh
◌	◌ṇḍ	◌	◌jjh	◌	◌tth
◌	◌ṇth	◌	◌ss		

Final symbols

◌ ◌' ◌◌ ◌ṁ

Tone marks

◌◌ ◌' ◌◌◌ ◌"

Examples:

◌◌ pui' ◌◌◌ pui"

Punctuation

| , (comma) || . (period)

Numerals

The numerals are: ◌ (0), ◌ (1), ၂ (2), ၃ (3), ၄ (4), ၅ (5), ၆ (6), ၇ (7), ၈ (8), ၉ (9).

Abbreviations

၏	e*	၍	r*
ဗ	n*	၎	l*

Word division

For Burmese words, leave a space after each syllable.

For loanwords, use the same word division as in the original language. Apply the same practice to loanwords with modified forms in Burmese.

ကော်မီတီ	ko'mīṭī	(English)
ဥပုသ်	upus'	(modified Pali)
ပန်းကန်	pan'"kan'	(Mon)
ကော်ပြန်	ko'pran''	(Chinese)

Capitalization

Capitalize words according to the rules that apply to English.

For personal names composed of Burmese elements, or of elements treated as Burmese, capitalize the initial letter of each syllable.

မောင်မောင်စိုးတင့်	Moñ' Moñ' Cui' Tañ''
စောစိုင်မောင်	Co Cuiñ' Moñ'
ချန်ရီစိန်	Khyan' Rī Cin'

Note the following names with non-Burmese elements:

ကဲနက်ဘစိန်	Kainak' Bha Cin'
မြသီတာ	Mra Sītā
ပဒေသရာဇာ	Padesarājā

Examples

မဟာသမိုင်းတော်ကြီးညွန့်ပေါင်း	Mahā samuiñ'' to' krī'' ññvan'' poñ''
ယောအတွင်းဝန်ဦးဖိုးလှိုင်	Yo 'A tvañ'' van' Ū'' Phui'' Lhuiñ'
ဒုဗ္ဗဂါမဏိမင်းကြီးဝတ္ထု	Duṭṭhagāmaṇi mañ'' krī'' vatthu