

TABLE 59.19: *Albanian Alphabet*

Letter ^a	Phonetic Value	Name
A	a	[a]
B	b	[b]
C	c	[t͡s]
Ç	ç	[t͡ʃ]
D	d	[d]
Dh	dh	[ð]
E	e	[e]
Ë	ë	[ɛ]
F	f	[f]
G	g	[g]
Gj	gj	[j]
H	h	[h]
I	i	[i, j] ^b
J	j	[j]
K	k	[k]
L	l	[l]
Ll	ll	[ɫ] (“dark” l)
M	m	[m]
N	n	[n]
Nj	nj	[ɲ]
O	o	[o]
P	p	[p]
Q	q	[c]
R	r	[r]
Rr	rr	[r̄]
S	s	[s]
Sh	sh	[ʃ]
T	t	[t]
Th	th	[θ]
U	u	[u]
V	v	[v]
X	x	[d͡ʒ]
Xh	xh	[d͡ʒ̄]
Y	y	[y]
Z	z	[z]
Zh	zh	[ʒ]

a. The diphthongs [ie], [ua], [ye] are written as vowel sequences: *ie, ua, ye*. The nasalized vowels of Geg, when written, take a circumflex diacritic, but are not considered distinct letters of the alphabet.

b. *i* is normally syllabic, *j* nonsyllabic; but in some instances nonsyllabic [j] is written *i*, e.g. to preserve morphological parallelism and to distinguish [ɲ] *ni* from [ɲ] *nj*, [sɲ] *gi* from [t͡ʃ] *gi*.

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