

TABLE 60.12: *Kazakh Alphabet*

| Letter | Transliteration | Phonetic Value   | Name  |
|--------|-----------------|------------------|---|
| А      | a               | [a]              | [a]   |
| Ә      | ä               | [æ]              | [æ]   |
| Б      | b               | [b]              | [be]  |
| В      | v)              |                  | [ve]  |
| Г      | g               | [g]              | [ge]  |
| Ғ      | ḡ               | [ɣ]              | [ɣa]  |
| Д      | d               | [d]              | [de]  |
| Е      | e               | [e]              | [je]  |
| Ә      | ë)              |                  | [jo]  |
| Ж      | ž               | [ʒ]              | [dʒe]                                       |
| З      | z               | [z]              | [ze]  |
| И      | i               | [uj], [ij]       | [ij]  |
| Й      | j               | [j] <sup>a</sup> | [qus'qa 'i] 'short <i>i</i> '               |
| К      | k               | [k]              | [ka]  |
| Қ      | q               | [q]              | [qa]  |
| Л      | l               | [l]              | [el]  |
| М      | m               | [m]              | [em]  |
| Н      | n               | [n]              | [en]  |
| Ң      | ŋ               | [ŋ]              | [eŋ]  |
| О      | o               | [o]              | [o]   |
| Ө      | ö               | [ø]              | [ø]   |
| П      | p               | [p]              | [pe]  |
| Р      | r               | [r]              | [er]  |
| С      | s               | [s]              | [es]  |
| Т      | t               | [t]              | [te]  |
| У      | u               | [uw], [yw], [w]  | [uw]  |
| Ү      | ü               | [u]              | [u]   |
| Ү      | ü               | [y]              | [y]   |
| Ф      | f               | [f]              | [ef]  |
| Х      | x               | [χ]              | [χa]  |
| Һ      | h               | [h]              | [he]  |
| Ц      | c)              |                  | [tse]                                       |
| Ч      | č)              |                  | [tʃe]                                       |
| Ш      | š               | [ʃ]              | [ʃa]  |
| Щ      | šč)             |                  | [ʃtʃa]                                      |
| Ъ      | ʹ)              |                  | [ajw'ruw belgi'si] 'sign of separation'     |
| Ы      | y               | [w]              | [w]   |
| І      | ı               | [i]              | [i]   |
| Ь      | ʹ)              |                  | [dʒɪŋjɪk'e'lik belgi'si] 'sign of thinness' |
| Э      | è)              |                  | [e]   |
| Ю      | ju              | [ju], [jy]       | [ju]  |
| Я      | ja              | [ja]             | [ja]  |

a. [j] occurs only intervocalically and syllable-finally. [ja] is written я, both [ju] and [jy] are written ю; before other vowels, [j] is written й, as is also done syllable-finally except for the special case of [uj] and [ij], both written и. The Kazakh representation of the high vowels is unique among languages using Cyrillic script.