Limbu

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

ꯑ	a		ꯑꯤ	ai
ꯑꯥ	ā		ꯑꯣ	o
ꯑꯤ	i		ꯑꯧ	au
ꯎ	u		ꯏ	ŏ
ꯑꯦ	e		ꯑ	ĕ

Consonants (see Note 2)

Gutturals		**Palatals**		**Dentals**	
z	ka	ꯆ	ca	ꯇ	ta
ꯇ	kha	ꯆ	cha	ꯊ	tha
ꯗ	ga	ꯖ	ja	ꯗ	da
ꯌ	gha	ꯓ	jha	ꯙ	dha
ꯉ	ṅa	ꯅ	ña	z	na

Labials		**Semivowels**		**Sibilants**		**Aspirate**	
ꯋ	pa	ꯌ	ya	ꯁ	śa	ꯍ	ha
ꯐ	pha	ꯔ	ra	ꯁ	sa		
ꯕ	ba	ꯂ	la				
ꯚ	bha	ꯋ	va				
ꯃ	ma						

Notes

1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant exclude ꯑ . No distinction between the two is made in romanization.

꯲	kā		꯲ꯤ	ki

2. The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in romanization, with the following exceptions:

    (a) when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign; and

    (b) when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the subscript sign (_) called *sa-i*.

RULES OF APPLICATION

1. ꜱ (*mukphreṅ*) is used to indicate a slight breathing after a vowel. It is romanized *ḥ*.

z̄ʒ̍	kaḥyo	ꭎꭍ,ᴊ	piḥrĕ
ꜱꜱ	tāḥmā	ꜱꜱ	muḥlā

2. ⸗ (*kemphreṅ*) is used to make a vowel slightly longer than usual. It is romanized '.

ꜱꜱ	yu'mā	ꜱꜱ	thā'bĕ

3. When z, ꜱ, ꜱ, z, ꭎ, ꜱ, ꜱ, and ꜱ are used in the final position (i.e., preceded by a vowel but not followed by one), they assume different shapes and are used as superscripts above the preceding syllables.

zᵗ	kak	zᵘ	kap
z·	kaṅ	zʸ	kam
ẕ	kat	ẕ	kar
zᵘ	kan	zᵛ	kal

4. When ꜱ is added to another consonant or consonants in a cluster (i.e., without any intervening vowel), it assumes the shape ᴄ and is added to the preceding consonant or consonants.

zᴄ	kya

5. When ꜱ is added to another consonant or consonant in a cluster (i.e., without any intervening vowel), it assumes the shape ᴧ and is added to the preceding consonant or consonants.

ẕ	kra

6. When ꜱ is added to another consonant or consonants in a cluster (i.e., without any intervening vowel) it assumes the shape ᴴ and is added to the preceding consonant or consonants.

zᴴ	kva

SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special Characters	*Name*	*USMARC hexadecimal code*
'	apostrophe	27

Character Modifiers	*Name*	*USMARC hexadecimal code*
ó	acute	E2
õ	tilde	E4
ō	macron	E5
ŏ	breve	E6
ȯ	dot above	E7
ọ	dot below	F2