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Graphic symbol of the Belarusian ruble

The graphic symbol of the official currency of the Republic of Belarus – the Belarusian ruble – was approved by Resolution of the Board of the National Bank No. 25 dated January 27, 2026.

The graphic symbol is the Cyrillic capital letter “Б” (“B”), with which the word “Беларусь” (“Belarus”) begins, that makes it possible to associate the image with the Republic of Belarus and the country’s national currency. In the center of the letter there is a line parallel to the upper one, symbolizing soundness, balance and stability.

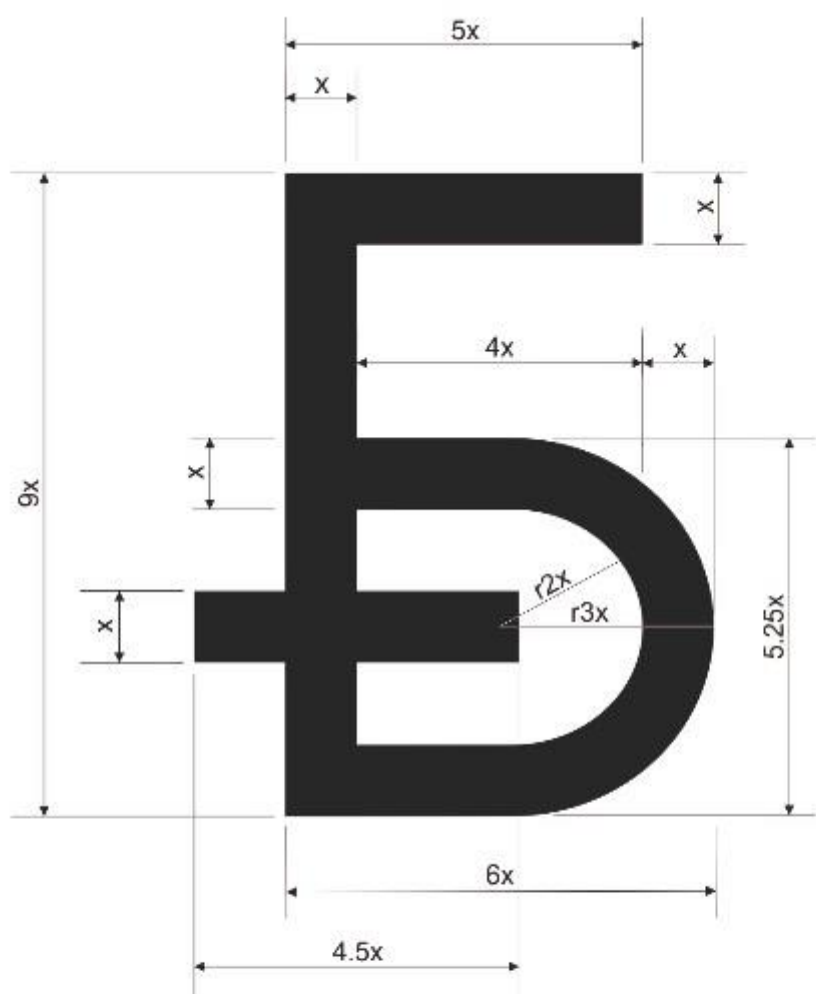
The graphic symbol harmoniously fits into the international system of global currency graphic symbols. Its use promotes confidence in the Belarusian ruble, as well as maintenance of the positive image of the Republic of Belarus.

<https://www.nbrb.by/engl/coinsbanknotes/byn-ico>

Belarusian Ruble

The **ruble**, **rouble** or **rubel** ([Belarusian](#): рубель, [romanized](#): *rubieĺ*; [Russian](#): рубль, [romanized](#): *rublʹ*; [symbol](#): , ^[2] [ISO code](#): **BYN**) is the official [currency](#) of [Belarus](#).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belarusian_ruble



200 Б

Sample of the Cyrillic letter 'Б' in a font size of 200. The dimensions are:

- Height: $9x$
- Width: $2x$

Так, цены на газ увеличиваются на 7,07% (удорожание платежа за счет роста тарифа на данную услугу – Б0,93). Удорожание одного баллона сжиженного газа составит Б1,7.

Тарифы на электроэнергию увеличиваются на 7% (удорожание платежа – Б2,99).

А цены на теплоэнергию вырастут с 1 июня на 7,3% (удорожание платежа – Б3,12, в том числе на отопление – Б2,6, на горячее водоснабжение – Б0,53).

https://tochka.by/articles/economics/gaz_svet_i_teplo_dorozhayut_dlya_belorus_ov_smotrim_tarify/



22,89 Б

Оплата частями

Кофе молотый Lavazza qualita oro, 250 г

Купили 21 017 раз

★ 4.7 (180) · Email

📍 Сегодня 📅 Завтра

В корзину



18,29 Б

Оплата частями

Кофе молотый Lavazza Crema gusto forte, 250 г

Купили 5 163 раза

★ 4.8 (45) · Email

📍 Сегодня 📅 Завтра

В корзину

**ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2
PROPOSAL SUMMARY FORM TO ACCOMPANY SUBMISSIONS
FOR ADDITIONS TO THE REPERTOIRE OF ISO/IEC 10646¹.**

Please fill all the sections A, B and C below.

Please read Principles and Procedures Document (P & P) from <http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC2/WG2/docs/principles.html> for guidelines and details before filling this form.

Please ensure you are using the latest Form from <http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC2/WG2/docs/summaryform.html>.

See also <http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC2/WG2/docs/roadmaps.html> for latest Roadmaps.

A. Administrative

1. Title:	Proposal to Encode the Belarusian Ruble in the UCS	
2. Requester's name:	<i>Roman Titov on behalf of The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus</i>	
3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	<i>Individual contribution</i>	
4. Submission date:	<i>2026-03-05</i>	
5. Requester's reference (if applicable):		
6. Choose one of the following:		
This is a complete proposal:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(or) More information will be provided later:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:		
a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Proposed name of script:		
b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Name of the existing block:	<i>Currency Symbols</i>	
2. Number of characters in proposal:	<i>1</i>	
3. Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):		
A-Contemporary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B.1-Specialized (small collection) <input type="checkbox"/>	B.2-Specialized (large collection) <input type="checkbox"/>
C-Major extinct <input type="checkbox"/>	D-Attested extinct <input type="checkbox"/>	E-Minor extinct <input type="checkbox"/>
F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic <input type="checkbox"/>	G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
5. Fonts related:		
a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font to the Project Editor of 10646 for publishing the standard?	<i>Roman Titov, Deputy Head of Cash Circulation Directorate</i>	
b. Identify the party granting a license for use of the font by the editors (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.):	<i>R.Titov@nrb.by roman.titov@yandex.by</i>	
6. References:		
a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
7. Special encoding issues:		
Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

8. Additional Information:

Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at <http://www.unicode.org> for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database (<http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/>) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

¹ Form number: N4502-F (Original 1994-10-14; Revised 1995-01, 1995-04, 1996-04, 1996-08, 1999-03, 2001-05, 2001-09, 2003-11, 2005-01, 2005-09, 2005-10, 2007-03, 2008-05, 2009-11, 2011-03, 2012-01)

C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain	No
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? If YES, with whom? If YES, available relevant documents:	Yes <i>The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus</i>
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? Reference:	Yes <i>Citizens and legal entities in Belarus</i>
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare) Reference:	Common <i>To represent the Belarusian Ruble in monetary amounts</i>
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference:	Yes <i>Usage in general commerce within Belarus has already begun</i>
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP? If YES, is a rationale provided? If YES, reference:	Yes Yes <i>The proposed U+20C5 is located in the Currency Symbols block, which is only available in the BMP</i>
7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	n/a
8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to, or could be confused with, an existing character? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided? If YES, reference: Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference:	No
12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	No
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility characters? If YES, are the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic characters identified? If YES, reference:	No

UnicodeData.txt

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Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to announce to the Unicode Consortium the release of currency symbol of the Belarusian Ruble. Symbol has been selected as a result of contest and on 27th of January 2026 Belarusian Ruble Sign has been approved by the Board of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus.

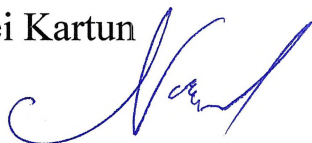
This letter is to request the Unicode Consortium to register the symbol in Currency Symbols block of the Unicode Standard. The symbol proposal is attached to this letter with the screenshots showing the usage of the symbol by the community.

We will be grateful if you register the Belarusian Ruble Sign in Unicode on your convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Andrei Kartun



Deputy Chairman of the Board