

ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

This form is to be used in conjunction with a "Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code" form

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Associated Change request number : 2009-050

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : ltb

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

- a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
Standard Lithuanian
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
Lietuvių bendrinė kalba, Lietuvių (from here code could be "ltb")
- c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Lietuvi, Lietuviskai, Litauische, Litewski, Litovskiy
- d) Reason for preferred name:
Standard Lithuanian is preferred because it is more precise and fits better to the modern written standard of Lithuanian.
- e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
Lithuanian, about 3.1 millions around the world
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: ltb

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifier is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION

- a) Is this a
 - ☒ Living language
 - ☐ Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
 - ☐ Recently extinct language
 - ☐ Historical language
 - ☐ Ancient language
 - ☐ Artificially constructed language
 - ☐ Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at <http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp>)

For individual languages, also complete:

- b) Countries where used:
Lithuania (official status), also spoken in Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Poland, Russian Federation (Europe), Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.
- c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
- d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user's death

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

- a) This language is: ☐ Signed ☒ Spoken ☐ Attested only in writings
- b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Standard Lithuanian belongs to Indo-European language family and represents one of the living Baltic languages
- c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Samogitian, Latvian, Latgalian

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
all kinds of modern media and literature
- b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
Standard Lithuanian is official language in Lithuania and EU.
- c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Today, most Lithuanians not only write but also speak Standard Lithuanian (or a language variant almost identical to Standard Lithuanian) as their everyday language. Dialects are almost entirely assimilated into Standard Lithuanian. Only Samogitian is today clearly distinct from standard Lithuanian.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, "Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code"

- a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:
I am native bi-lingual Samogitian-Lithuanian speaker. I am developer.
- b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:
Lithuanian and Samogitian are languages of my everyday communication (work,community).
- c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
 1. The History of the Lithuanian Language, by Z. Zinkevicius, Mokslas, Lithuania, 1998, ISBN-13: 978-5420013632
 2. Publications online in Institute of the Lithuanian Language,
http://www.lki.lt/LKI_EN/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=59&Itemid=106
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithuanian_language
Dictionary online, <http://www.lkz.lt/>
Polish-Lithuanian, Lithuanian-Polish Dictionary, <http://republika.pl/pllt/>
Lithuanian-Hungarian Dictionary,
http://www.morphologic.hu/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=502
Lithuanian-English Dictionary, <http://www.likit.lt/en-lt/angl.html>
 3. Lithuanian Grammar: Lietuviu kalbos gramatika, by Vytautas Ambrazas etc., Baltos Lankos Publishing House, Lithuania, 1997, ISBN-13: 978-9986813224

Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA
ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/default.asp>
Email: iso639-3@sil.org
An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com/> .

LinguistList. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html>

LinguistList. Constructed Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html>