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BANA Adopts *IPA: Braille*
(International Phonetics Alphabet: Braille)

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) announces that it has adopted IPA Braille as the authorized BANA code for phonetics. This is a braille code for the transcription of the International Phonetic Alphabet as revised 2005 under the auspices of the International Council on English Braille (ICEB). Further information about the development and revision of this international code for phonetics may be found at the ICEB website at <http://www.iceb.org/icebipa.htm>.

Electronic files of this code may be found on the ICEB website as well as that of the Braille Authority of North America at <http://www.brailleauthority.org> in the Publications link. The following formats are available:

Print Document

- IPA Braille (PDF [Adobe] file format, 61 pages)

Braille Files (.brf format)

- IPA Braille - Part 1 (BRF format, 25 lines per page by 40 cells per line, 116 pages)
- IPA Braille - Part 2 Introduction (BRF format, 25 lines per page by 28 cells per line, 13 pages)

Braille Files (Duxbury.dbx format)

- IPA Braille - Part 1
- IPA Braille - Part 2 Introduction

Corel Draw File (cdr tactile graphics format)

- IPA Braille - Part 2 Tactile (CDR [Corel] format, 28 pages)

PDF File (Adobe .pdf tactile graphics format)

- IPA Braille - Part 2 Tactile (PDF [Adobe] format, 28 pages)

The mission and purpose of the Braille Authority of North America are to assure literacy for tactile readers through the standardization of braille and/or tactile graphics. BANA promotes and facilitates the use, teaching, and production of braille. It publishes rules, interprets and renders opinions pertaining to braille in all existing codes. It deals with codes now in existence or to be developed in the future, in collaboration with other countries using English braille. In exercising its function and authority, BANA considers the effects of its decisions on other existing braille codes and formats; the ease of production by various methods; and acceptability to readers.

For additional resource information, visit www.brailleauthority.org