

SMSC Dakota Language Keyboard Instructions

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Dakota Language Keyboard is available through [Keyman](#). The keyboard can be used on most devices including Windows, MacOS, iPhones, iPads, and Android. Follow the instructions in this document to install and use the keyboard. Detailed instructions are also available at <https://help.keyman.com/products/>.

Dakota Letters

The keyboard will make available the English letters used in the Dakota language, plus the following:

-	-	é/É	-	ĭ/Ĭ		ú/Ú	í/Í	ó/Ó	ȣ/Ȥ
á/Á	ś/Ś	-	-	ġ/Ġ	ħ/Ĥ	-	ķ/K	-	-
ž/Ž	-	č/Č	-	-	-	ŋ/N	-	'	

Installation

The following links and instructions cover the most commonly used devices. Once the keyboard is installed, you may need to restart the device.

iOS

Download the Keyman app available in the [Apple Store](#). After downloading the app, search “SMSC Dakota” and follow the on-screen instructions to install the keyboard. The instructions are also available [here](#).

Note: Devices with iOS16 must have “Allow Full Access” enabled under the Keyboard settings.

Android

Download the Keyman app available through [Google Play](#). After downloading the app, search “SMSC Dakota” and follow the on-screen instructions to install the keyboard. The instructions are also available [here](#).

Windows

Download the keyboard files using this [link](#) on the Keyman website. If you do not have admin rights to your PC, contact your administrator once you’ve downloaded the Keyman application .exe file.

- If one or more of the keys do not work correctly, “Hot Keys” may be in use on your computer. Your system administrator can check here: Advanced keyboard settings > Input language hot keys > Change Key Sequence. For example, if you used the accent key to switch to another keyboard, change “Grave Accent” (`) to “Not assigned.”
- Keyman will be found in your start menu. If not, follow [these instructions](#).

Using the Keyboard

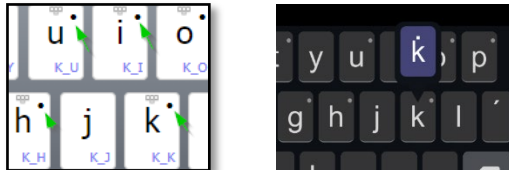
Tips to use the SMSC Dakota Language keyboard:

Mobile Devices

To switch keyboards, tap the globe icon  on iOS devices and the keyboard icon  on Android devices.

There are two options to use letters with diacritical marks.

1. Press and hold any key with the dot in the upper right corner (indicated below with the green arrows), and after a moment a submenu will appear. Continue holding the key and slide to the submenu to select a key. Release, and the selected key from the submenu is output.



2. To use the diacritical mark keys, type the letter followed by the mark.

- The diacritical dot key is located to the left of the a/A key.

Example

k + ◌̇ > k̇

Shift + K + ◌̇ > K̇



- The diacritical accent key is located to the right of the l/L key.

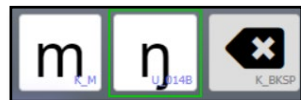
Example

a + ◌̇ > á

Shift + A + ◌̇ > Á



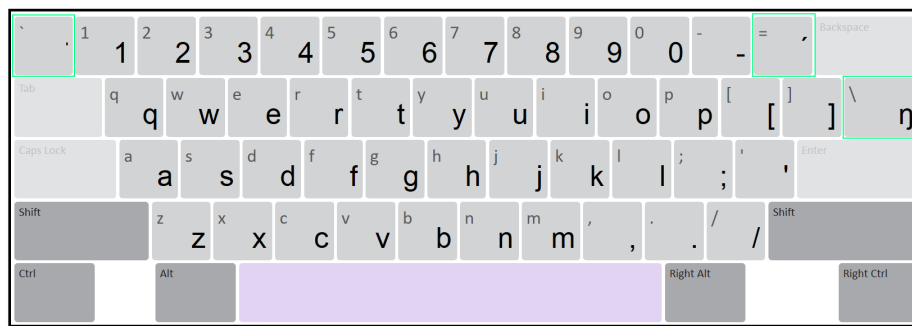
- The ŋ/N keys have been added to the right of the m/M keys.



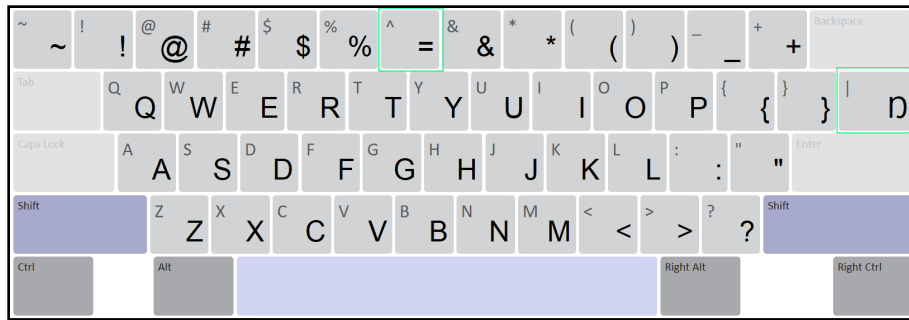
Windows/PC

The SMSC Dakota Language keyboard will install the following changes, highlighted in the green boxes.

Lower Case



Upper Case



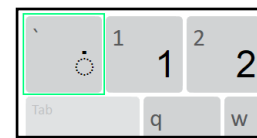
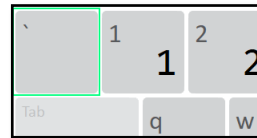
To add the diacritical marks:

- The diacritical dot replaces the ` key in the upper left corner of the keyboard. The dot is only on the lower-case letter screen.

Example

k + ` > k̇ or k + ◌̇ > k̇

Shift + K + ` > K̇ or Shift + K + ◌̇ > K̇

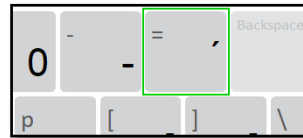


- The diacritical accent replaces the = key in the upper right corner of the keyboard. The accent is only on the lower-case letter screen.

Example

a + = > á or a + ◌̂ > á

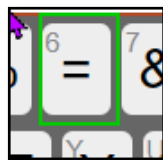
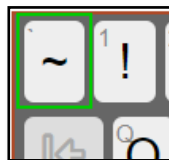
Shift + A + = > Á or Shift + A + ◌̂ > Á



- The η/Ŋ replaces the \| key on the right side of the keyboard.



- On the shift/uppercase screen, the ` is replaced by ~ and ^ is replaced by =. The \, |, `, and ^ characters are not available on the Windows keyboard.



Please note that some fonts and applications will distort the characters. For example, the text may appear correct in Microsoft Word, but the same text/font will be incorrect in Microsoft PowerPoint.