

CONVERSION FACTORS - CANADIAN ABC EXAMINATION

On the left hand column of the table are the SI (Systeme International d'Unites). To convert from metric units to imperial units, simply multiply by the conversion factor in the upper portion of each cell. To convert from the Imperial units to metric units, simply multiply by the conversion factor in the lower portion of each cell. The arrows next to each conversion factor show the direction of the conversions.




Length		Area & Volume		
mm	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.039\ 37 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 25.4 \end{matrix}$	inches	$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^2 & \text{x } 10.763\ 9 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.092\ 9 \end{matrix}$ square feet	
mm	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 3.28 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 304.8 \end{matrix}$	feet	$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^2 & \text{x } 1.196 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.836\ 1 \end{matrix}$ square yards	
cm	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.393\ 7 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 2.54 \end{matrix}$	inches	$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^2 & \text{x } 2.471 \times 10^{-4} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 4046.9 \end{matrix}$ acres	
cm	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.032\ 8 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 30.48 \end{matrix}$	feet	ha $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 2.471 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.404\ 69 \end{matrix}$ acres	
m	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 39.37 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.025\ 4 \end{matrix}$	inches	$\begin{matrix} \text{cm}^3 & \text{x } 0.061\ 024 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 16.387 \end{matrix}$ cubic inches	
m	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 3.281 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.304\ 8 \end{matrix}$	feet	$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^3 & \text{x } 35.315 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.028\ 32 \end{matrix}$ cubic feet	
km	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 3\ 280.84 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow 0.3048 \times 10^{-3} \end{matrix}$	feet	$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^3 & \text{x } 219.9 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 4.546 \times 10^{-3} \end{matrix}$ Imperial gallons	
km	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 1\ 093.61 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 9.144 \times 10^{-4} \end{matrix}$	yards	L $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.2199 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 4.546 \end{matrix}$ Imperial gallons	
km	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.621\ 4 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 1.609 \end{matrix}$	miles	mL $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.000219 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.434\ 6 \times 10^{-5} \end{matrix}$ Imperial gallons	
Weight / Mass			$\begin{matrix} \text{m}^3 & \text{x } 0.2199 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 4.546 \times 10^3 \end{matrix}$ Million Imp. gallons	
g	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 2.205 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 453.59 \end{matrix}$	pounds	US gallons $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.832\ 7 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 1.2001 \end{matrix}$ Imperial gallons	
g	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 15.432\ 3 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.064\ 799 \end{matrix}$	grains	Work / Energy & Power	
g	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.035\ 27 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 28.349\ 5 \end{matrix}$	ounces	J $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.737\ 6 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 1.356 \end{matrix}$ foot pounds	
mg	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 2.205 \times 10^{-6} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 453\ 592.3 \end{matrix}$	pounds	kJ $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.947\ 8 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 1.055 \end{matrix}$ BTU	
mg	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.015\ 43 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 64.799 \end{matrix}$	grains	kW $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 1.341 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.745\ 7 \end{matrix}$ hp (electric)	
kg	$\begin{matrix} \text{x } 2.204\ 6 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.4536 \end{matrix}$	pounds	Pressure	
Temperature			Pa $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.145 \times 10^{-3} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 6.895 \times 10^3 \end{matrix}$ pounds per square inch	
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\begin{matrix} (1.8 \times ^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow ^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 0.5556 \end{matrix}$	$^{\circ}\text{F}$	kPa $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.145 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 6.895 \end{matrix}$ pounds per square inch	
			kPa $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 4.014\ 5 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.249 \end{matrix}$ inches of water column	
			kPa $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 0.295 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 3.386 \end{matrix}$ inches of mercury col.	
			psi $\begin{matrix} \text{x } 2.31 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \text{x } 0.433 \end{matrix}$ Feet of water depth	

Flow Rate (volume / time)			Rates		
L/s	x 13.198 5 →	gallons (Imperial) per minute	kg/h	x 2.205 →	pounds per hour
	←x 0.075 84			←x 0.453 6	
L/s	x 0.035 3 →	cubic feet per second	kg/d	x 2.205 →	pounds per day
	←x 28.316			←x 0.453 6	
L/s	x 2.118 9 →	cubic feet per minute	g/m ² Xs	x 17.70 →	pounds per day per square foot
	←x 0.471 9			←x 0.056 51	
L/s	x 127.134 →	cubic feet per hour	kg/m ² Xh	x 4.883 →	pounds per hour per square foot
	←x 7.865 x 10 ⁻³			←x 0.204 8	
L/s	x 0.019 →	million gallons (Imperial) per day	kg/m ² Xd	x 0.204 8 →	pounds per square foot per day
	←x 52.616			←x 4.883	
L/d	x 0.219 975 →	gallons (Imperial) per day	kg/haXd	x 0.892 2 →	pounds per acre per day
	←x 4.545 9			←x 1.121	
ML/d	x 0.219 975 →	million gallons (Imperial) per day	kg/haXy	x 0.892 2 →	pounds per acre per year
	←x 4.545 9			←x 1.121	
m ³ /d	x 219.975 →	gallons (Imperial) per day	kg/m ³ Xd	x 0.062 43 →	pounds per cubic foot per day
	←x 4.545 9 x 10 ⁻³			←x 10.02	
m ³ /d	x 0.219 97 x 10 ⁻³ →	million gallons (Imperial) per day	m/h	x 3.281 →	feet per hour
	←x 4.545 9 x 10 ³			←x 0.304 8	
m ³ /s	x 19.005 6 →	million gallons (Imperial) per day	m ³ /m ² Xh	x 3.281 →	gallons (Imperial) per day per square foot
	←x 0.052 616			←x 2.0385 x 10 ⁻³	
m ³ /s	x 2 119 →	cubic feet per minute	m ³ /m ² Xh	x 20.441 5 →	cubic feet per hour per square foot
	←x 4.719 x 10 ⁻⁴			←x 0.304 8	
m ³ /s	x 35.315 →	cubic feet per second	m ³ /m ² Xd	x 16.02 →	gallons (Imperial) per day per square foot
	←x 0.283 2			←x 0.048 92	
10 ³ X m ³ /d	x 490.596 →	million gallons (Imperial) per day	m ³ /kg	x 35.315 →	cubic feet per pound
	←x 4.545 9			←x 0.062 43	
m ³ /min	x 17.70 →	cubic feet per minute			
	←x 0.028 32				
L/min	x 0.219 975 →	gallons (Imperial) per minute			
	←x 4.550 4				

AREAS	
<p><u>Triangle</u> Area = $\frac{1}{2} B \times H$ B = length of base H = height of triangle</p> <p><u>Circle</u> = πR^2 or $\frac{\pi D^2}{4}$ Area</p>	<p><u>Rectangle</u> Area = $L \times W$ L = length of rectangle W = width of rectangle</p> <p>π = 3.1416 R = radius D = diameter</p>
VOLUMES	
<p><u>Rectangular tank</u> Volume = area of base \times H or $V = L \times W \times H$</p>	<p>L = length of rectangle W = width of rectangle H = height of rectangle</p>
<p><u>Cylindrical tank</u> Volume = area of base \times H or $V = \pi R^2 \times H$ or $V = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \times H$</p>	<p>R = radius of base D = diameter of base H = height of cylinder</p>
<p><u>Cone</u> Volume = $\frac{1}{3}$ area of base \times H or $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi R^2 \times H$</p> <p>or $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \frac{D^2}{4} \times H = \frac{1}{12} \pi D^2 \times H$</p>	<p>R = radius of base D = diameter of base H = height of cone from base to apex</p>
<p><u>Prism</u> Volume = $\frac{1}{2}$ area of rectangular base \times H or $V = \frac{1}{2} L \times W \times H$</p>	<p>L = length of rectangular base W = width of rectangular base H = height from base to apex</p>
<p><u>Sphere (ball)</u> Volume = $\frac{4\pi R^3}{3}$ or $V = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{D^3}{8} = \frac{1}{6} \pi D^3$</p>	<p>R = radius of sphere D = diameter of sphere</p>
RATE OF FLOW	
<p>Rate of flow = $W \times D \times V$ (m^3/s)</p>	<p>W = width of channel (m) D = depth of liquid in channel (m) V = velocity of the flow (m/s)</p>
<p>PIPE: Rate of flow = $A \times V$ (m^3/s)</p>	<p>A = cross sectional area (m^2) $A = \pi R^2$ V = velocity (m/s)</p>

DETENTION TIME	
Detention Time (hours) = $\frac{VT}{Q \times 3600}$	VT = volume of tank (m ³) Q = rate of flow (m ³ /s)
OVERFLOW RATE	
Weir Overflow rate = $\frac{Q}{WL}$ (L/sXm)	Q = rate of flow (L/s) WL = weir length (m) Circumference of a circle = 2πR
EFFICIENCY	
Overall Efficiency (%) = $\frac{\text{Output} \times 100}{\text{Input}}$	Ci = concentration in the influent Ce = concentration in the effluent
Treatment Efficiency (%) = $\frac{(Ci - Ce) \times 100}{Ci}$	
CHLORINATION	
Chlorine Dosage = Chlorine Demand + Chlorine Residual	
RATE OF CHLORINE DOSAGE	
CD(mg/L) = $\frac{C \text{ (kg)} \times 1000}{V \text{ (m}^3)}$ OR CD(mg/L) = $\frac{C \text{ (kg)}}{V \text{ (ML)}}$	CD = rate of chlorine applied (mg/L) C = weight of chlorine added (kg) V = volume of water treated (m ³ or ML depending on formula used)
FILTER LOADING RATE	
Filter Loading Rate = $\frac{Q \text{ (m}^3/\text{d)} \times 0.0116}{A}$ (L/m ² Xs)	Q = flow rate (m ³ /d) A = surface area of the filter (m ²)
Note: If flow rate Q is in L/s then the equation is:	
Filter Loading Rate = $\frac{Q \text{ (L/s)}}{A}$	
FILTER BACKWASH RATE	
Method 1. Filter Backwash Rate = $\frac{Q}{A}$ (L/m ² Xs)	Q = rate of upflow of backwash water (L/s) A = surface area of filter (m ²)
Method 2. Filter Backwash Rate = $\frac{R}{T}$ (m/h)	R = water rise (m) T = time (h)
CHEMICAL FEEDING	
Chemical Feed Rate = $\frac{D \times Q}{c \times d \times 1440}$ (ml/min)	D = chemical dosage (mg/L) Q = flow rate (m ³ /d) c = % active chemical expressed as a decimal d = relative density of chemical feed (g/cm ³)

CONVERSION CHART

	Known	To Determine	Method
DISTANCE 	mm	cm	÷ 10
	mm	m	÷ 1000
	cm	m	÷ 100
	m	km	÷ 1000
	km	m	× 1000
	m	cm	× 100
	m	mm	× 1000
	cm	mm	× 10
VOLUME 	ml	L	÷ 1000
	L	m ³	÷ 1000
	m ³	ML	÷ 1000
	ML	m ³	× 1000
	m ³	L	× 1000
	L	ml	× 1000
MASS 	mg	g	÷ 1000
	g	kg	÷ 1000
	kg	tonnes	÷ 1000
	tonnes	kg	× 1000
	kg	g	× 1000
	g	mg	× 1000
TIME	sec	min	÷ 60
	min	hr	÷ 60
	hr	day	÷ 24
	min	day	÷ 1440
	day	hr	× 24
	hr	min	× 60
	min	sec	× 60
	day	min	× 1440