

# CONVERSION FACTORS FOR IONIZING RADIATION

## Conversion Between SI and Other Units

Quantity	Symbol for quantity	Expression in SI units	Expression in symbols for SI units	Special name for SI units	Symbols using special names		Symbol for conventional unit	Value of conventional unit in SI units
					Conventional units	Conventional units		
Activity	$A$	1 per second	$s^{-1}$	becquerel	Bq	curie	Ci	$3.7 \times 10^{10}$ Bq
Absorbed dose	$D$	joule per kilogram	$J\ kg^{-1}$	gray	Gy	rad	rad	0.01 Gy
Absorbed dose rate	$\dot{D}$	joule per kilogram second	$J\ kg^{-1}\ s^{-1}$		$Gy\ s^{-1}$	rad	$rad\ s^{-1}$	$0.01\ Gy\ s^{-1}$
Average energy per ion pair	$W$	joule	J			electronvolt	eV	$1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ J
Dose equivalent	$H$	joule per kilogram	$J\ kg^{-1}$	sievert	Sv	rem	rem	0.01 Sv
Dose equivalent rate	$\dot{H}$	joule per kilogram second	$J\ kg^{-1}\ s^{-1}$		$Sv\ s^{-1}$	rem per second	$rem\ s^{-1}$	$0.01\ Sv\ s^{-1}$
Electric current	$I$	ampere	A			ampere	A	1.0 A
Electric potential difference	$U, V$	watt per ampere	$W\ A^{-1}$	volt	V	volt	V	1.0 V
Exposure	$\dot{X}$	coulomb per kilogram	$C\ kg^{-1}$			roentgen	R	$2.58 \times 10^{-4}$ C $kg^{-1}$
Exposure rate	$X$	coulomb per kilogram second	$C\ kg^{-1}\ s^{-1}$			roentgen	$R\ s^{-1}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-4}$ C $kg^{-1}\ s^{-1}$
Fluence	$\phi$	1 per meter squared	$m^{-2}$			1 per centimeter squared	$cm^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^4\ m^{-2}$
Fluence rate	$\Phi$	1 per meter squared second	$m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$			1 per centimeter squared second	$cm^{-2}\ s^{-1}$	$1.0 \times 10^4\ m^{-2}\ s^{-1}$
Kerma	$K$	joule per kilogram	$J\ kg^{-1}$	gray	Gy	rad	rad	0.01 Gy
Kerma rate	$\dot{K}$	joule per kilogram second	$J\ kg^{-1}\ s^{-1}$		$Gy\ s^{-1}$	rad per second	$rad\ s^{-1}$	$0.01\ Gy\ s^{-1}$
Lineal energy	$y$	joule per meter	$J\ m^{-1}$			kiloelectron volt per micrometer	$keV\ \mu m^{-1}$	$1.602 \times 10^{-10}$ J $m^{-1}$
Linear energy transfer	$L$	joule per meter	$J\ m^{-1}$			kiloelectron volt per micrometer	$keV\ \mu m^{-1}$	$1.602 \times 10^{-10}$ J $m^{-1}$
Mass attenuation coefficient	$\mu/\rho$	meter squared per kilogram	$m^2\ kg^{-1}$			centimeter squared per gram	$cm^2\ g^{-1}$	$0.1\ m^2\ kg^{-1}$
Mass energy transfer coefficient	$\mu_{tr}/\rho$	meter squared per kilogram	$m^2\ kg^{-1}$			centimeter squared per gram	$cm^2\ g^{-1}$	$0.1\ m^2\ kg^{-1}$
Mass energy absorption coefficient	$\mu_{en}/\rho$	meter squared per kilogram	$m^2\ kg^{-1}$			centimeter squared per gram	$cm^2\ g^{-1}$	$0.1\ m^2\ kg^{-1}$
Mass stopping power	$S/\rho$	joule meter squared per kilogram	$J\ m^2\ kg^{-1}$			MeV centimeter squared per gram	$MeV\ cm^2\ g^{-1}$	$1.602 \times 10^{-14}$ J $m^2\ kg^{-1}$
Power	$P$	joule per second	$J\ s^{-1}$	watt	W	watt	W	1.0 W
Pressure	$p$	newton per meter squared	$N\ m^{-2}$	pascal	Pa	torr	torr	(101325/760)Pa
Radiation chemical yield	$G$	mole per joule	$mol\ J^{-1}$			molecules per 100 electron volts	molecules $(100\ eV)^{-1}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-7}$ mol $J^{-1}$
Specific energy	$z$	joule per kilogram	$J\ kg^{-1}$	gray	Gy	rad	rad	0.01 Gy

**Conversion of Radioactivity Units from MBq to mCi and  $\mu$ Ci**

MBq	mCi	MBq	mCi	MBq	mCi	MBq	mCi	MBq	mCi
7000	189.	700	18.9	70	1.89	7	189	0.7	18.9
6000	162.	600	16.2	60	1.62	6	162	0.6	16.2
5000	135.	500	13.5	50	1.35	5	135	0.5	13.5
4000	108.	400	10.8	40	1.08	4	108	0.4	10.8
3000	81.	300	8.1	30	810	3	81	0.3	8.1
2000	54.	200	5.4	20	540	2	54	0.2	5.4
1000	27.	100	2.7	10	270	1	27	0.1	2.7
900	24.	90	2.4	9	240	0.9	24		
800	21.6	80	2.16	8	220	0.8	21.6		

**Conversion of Radioactivity Units from mCi and  $\mu$ Ci to MBq**

mCi	MBq	mCi	MBq	mCi	MBq	$\mu$ Ci	MBq	$\mu$ Ci	MBq	$\mu$ Ci	MBq
200	7400	40	1480	5	185	1000	37.0	200	7.4	30	1.11
150	5550	30	1110	4	148	900	33.3	100	3.7	20	0.74
100	3700	20	740	3	111	800	29.6	90	3.33	10	0.37
90	3330	10	370	2	74.0	700	25.9	80	2.96	5	0.185
80	2960	9	333	1	37.0	600	22.2	70	2.59	2	0.074
70	2590	8	296			500	18.5	60	2.22	1	0.037
60	2220	7	259			400	14.8	50	1.85		
50	1850	6	222			300	11.1	40	1.48		

**Conversion of Radioactivity Units**

100 TBq ( $10^{14}$ Bq)	=	2.7 kCi ( $2.7 \times 10^3$ Ci)	100 kBq ( $10^5$ Bq)	=	2.7 $\mu$ Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^{-6}$ Ci)
10 TBq ( $10^{13}$ Bq)	=	270 Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^2$ Ci)	10 kBq ( $10^4$ Bq)	=	270 nCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-7}$ Ci)
1 TBq ( $10^{12}$ Bq)	=	27 Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^1$ Ci)	1 kBq ( $10^3$ Bq)	=	27 nCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-8}$ Ci)
100 GBq ( $10^{11}$ Bq)	=	2.7 Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^0$ Ci)	100 Bq ( $10^2$ Bq)	=	2.7 nCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-9}$ Ci)
10 GBq ( $10^{10}$ Bq)	=	270 mCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-1}$ Ci)	10 Bq ( $10^1$ Bq)	=	270 pCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-10}$ Ci)
1 GBq ( $10^9$ Bq)	=	27 mCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-2}$ Ci)	1 Bq ( $10^0$ Bq)	=	27 pCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-11}$ Ci)
100 MBq ( $10^8$ Bq)	=	2.7 mCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-3}$ Ci)	100 mBq ( $10^{-1}$ Bq)	=	2.7 pCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-12}$ Ci)
10 MBq ( $10^7$ Bq)	=	270 $\mu$ Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^{-4}$ Ci)	10 mBq ( $10^{-2}$ Bq)	=	270 fCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-13}$ Ci)
1 MBq ( $10^6$ Bq)	=	27 $\mu$ Ci ( $2.7 \times 10^{-5}$ Ci)	1 mBq ( $10^{-3}$ Bq)	=	27 fCi ( $2.7 \times 10^{-14}$ Ci)

**Conversion of Absorbed Dose Units**

SI Units	Conventional	SI Units	Conventional
100 Gy ( $10^2$ Gy)	= 10,000 rad ( $10^4$ rad)	100 $\mu$ Gy ( $10^{-4}$ Gy)	= 10 mrad ( $10^{-2}$ rad)
10 Gy ( $10^1$ Gy)	= 1,000 rad ( $10^3$ rad)	10 $\mu$ Gy ( $10^{-5}$ Gy)	= 1 mrad ( $10^{-3}$ rad)
1 Gy ( $10^0$ Gy)	= 100 rad ( $10^2$ rad)	1 $\mu$ Gy ( $10^{-6}$ Gy)	= 100 $\mu$ rad ( $10^{-4}$ rad)
100 mGy ( $10^{-1}$ Gy)	= 10 rad ( $10^1$ rad)	100 nGy ( $10^{-7}$ Gy)	= 10 $\mu$ rad ( $10^{-5}$ rad)
10 mGy ( $10^{-2}$ Gy)	= 1 rad ( $10^0$ rad)	10 nGy ( $10^{-8}$ Gy)	= 1 $\mu$ rad ( $10^{-6}$ rad)
1 mGy ( $10^{-3}$ Gy)	= 100 mrad ( $10^{-1}$ rad)	1 nGy ( $10^{-9}$ Gy)	= 100 nrad ( $10^{-7}$ rad)

**Conversion of Dose Equivalent Units**

100 Sv ( $10^2$ Sv)	= 10,000 rem ( $10^4$ rem)	100 $\mu$ Sv ( $10^{-4}$ Sv)	= 10 mrem ( $10^{-2}$ rem)
10 Sv ( $10^1$ Sv)	= 1,000 rem ( $10^3$ rem)	10 $\mu$ Sv ( $10^{-5}$ Sv)	= 1 mrem ( $10^{-3}$ rem)
1 Sv ( $10^0$ Sv)	= 100 rem ( $10^2$ rem)	1 $\mu$ Sv ( $10^{-6}$ Sv)	= 100 $\mu$ rem ( $10^{-4}$ rem)
100 mSv ( $10^{-1}$ Sv)	= 10 rem ( $10^1$ rem)	100 nSv ( $10^{-7}$ Sv)	= 10 $\mu$ rem ( $10^{-5}$ rem)
10 mSv ( $10^{-2}$ Sv)	= 1 rem ( $10^0$ rem)	10 nSv ( $10^{-8}$ Sv)	= 1 $\mu$ rem ( $10^{-6}$ rem)
1 mSv ( $10^{-3}$ Sv)	= 100 mrem ( $10^{-1}$ rem)	1 nSv ( $10^{-9}$ Sv)	= 100 nrem ( $10^{-7}$ rem)