

## THE METRIC SYSTEM

Based on the decimal number system

1000	100	10	Unit	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$
kilometre km	hectometre hm	decametre dam	metre m	decimetre dm	centimetre cm	millimetre mm
kilogram kg	hectogram hg	decagram dag	gram g	decigram dg	centigram cg	milligram mg
kilolitre kl	hectolitre hl	decalitre dl	litre l	decilitre dl	centilitre cl	millilitre ml

Kilo means 1000    (£30 000 = £30K)

cent means 100    (century)

Deca means 10    (decathalon)

centi means  $\frac{1}{100}$  part

milli means  $\frac{1}{1000}$  part

Very large weights are measured in tonnes.

1 tonne = 1000 kilograms