

DIVIDING DECIMALS

To divide decimals by whole numbers:

- complete as you would normally with any other division question
- the decimal point in the quotient goes directly above the decimal point in the dividend

For example: $60.524 \div 4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15.131 \\ 4 \overline{)60.524} \end{array}$$

To divide decimals by decimals:

- change the divisor into a whole number
- whatever change is made to the divisor must also be made to the dividend

For example: $24.56 \div 0.2$

$$\begin{array}{l} \times 10 \quad \times 10 \\ \curvearrowright \quad \curvearrowright \\ 24.56 \div 0.2 = 245.6 \div 2 \\ = 122.8 \end{array}$$

$0.2 \times 10 = 2$ (which is a whole number)
Therefore, multiply 24.56 by 10.