

# HP 12c Platinum Financial Calculator - Setting a Fixed Decimal Place

## Introduction

This document describes how to set the desired number of decimal places on the HP 12c Platinum calculator in standard format. It also covers entering numbers in scientific notation.

## Instructions for standard format

1. Press and release **f**.
2. Press the number key for the desired number of decimal places to be displayed to the right of the decimal point (0 through 9). The calculator displays a maximum of 10 digits.

The display will show the specified number of decimal places. The answer will be rounded to the number of digits selected.

## Example (standard format)

If the number in the display is 14.87456320, the display will be changed as follows:

Keystroke	Display
<b>f</b> <b>4</b>	14.8746
<b>f</b> <b>1</b>	14.9
<b>f</b> <b>0</b>	15
<b>f</b> <b>9</b>	14.87456320

## Instructions for scientific notation

Use scientific notation for very large or very small numbers. Type in the mantissa. After pressing, **EEX** the next numbers keyed in are exponents of 10. Press **ENTER**. If during an operation a result has more than 10 digits, the calculator automatically displays the number in scientific notation.