

**BA II Plus Calculator  
ICONV Function**

**1 Using the ICONV Function**

- 1) C/Y = 4  
NOM, I/Y = 3.75%  
EFF =
- 2) C/Y = 2  
NOM, I/Y =  
EFF = 21%
- 3) Compute the per annum rate compounded semi-annual when the effective rate of interest is 5.6%.

**Definitions:**

**NOM** Nominal: an interest rate measured per annum (p.a.) often stated with a compounding period (ex. 1% p.a. compounded daily).

**EFF** Effective: an interest rate measured per annum and always compounded yearly (ex. 3% annually).

**C/Y** Compounding Periods per Year: a number representing how often an interest rate is compounded.

- 4) Consider the interest rate 3.2% p.a. compounded every three months. What is an equivalent yearly rate?
- 5) Suppose Kieran deposits a sum of money into a bank account with a nominal interest rate of 1.7% p.a. compounded monthly. What is an equivalent effective rate for his bank account?

**EXAMPLE: SOLVE FOR EFF**

Calculate the effective rate of 4% p.a. compounded quarterly.

**Step 1**

To enter **NOM** as 4 and **C/Y** as 4

**ICONV**  
[2ND] [2] 4 [ENTER] [↓] [↓] 4 [ENTER]

**Step 2**

To compute **EFF**

[↑] [CPT]

- 6) Ravi is considering loaning \$500 to a friend and earning an interest at an effective annual rate of 5.1%. His friend does not anticipate taking longer than a year to pay him back, so Ravi wants an equivalent rate compounded biweekly; what is that nominal rate?
- 7) Sam deposits a paycheck every two weeks into a bank account earning 2.5% p.a. compounded annually. What is an equivalent biweekly rate?

**EXAMPLE: FIND AN EQUIVALENT NOM**

Find an equivalent **NOM** rate compounded daily to 4% p.a. compounded quarterly (use the **EFF** rate from the previous example).

**Step 1**

**ICONV**  
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**Step 2**

To compute **NOM**

[↑] [↑] [CPT]



## Answers/Solutions

1) 3.803%

2) 20%

3) 5.52%

4) 3.24%

5) 1.7133%

6) 4.9789%

7) 2.47%



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