Lux (lx)

This is the illuminance produced by a luminous flux of one lumen, uniformly distributed over a surface area of one square metre. One lux is equal to one lumen per square meter.

Luminous Efficacy (lm/W)

This is the ratio of luminous flux emitted by a lamp to the power consumed by the lamp. It is a reflection of efficiency of energy conversion from electricity to light form.

Colour Rendering Index (RI)

Is a measure of the degree to which the colours of surfaces illuminated by a given light source confirm to those of the same surfaces under a reference illuminent; suitable allowance having been made for the state of Chromatic adaptation.

Table 8.1 Luminous Performance Characteristics of Commonly Used Luminaries

Type of Lamp	Lumens / Watt		Color Rendering Index	Typical Application	Typical Life (hours)
	Range	Avg.			
Incandescent	8-18	14	Excellent	Homes, restaurants, general lighting, emergency lighting	1000
Fluorescent Lamps	46-60	50	Good w.r.t. coating	Offices, shops, hospitals, homes	5000
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL)	40-70	60	Very good	Hotels, shops, homes, offices	8000-10000
High pressure mercury (HPMV)	44-57	50	Fair	General lighting in factories, garages, car parking, flood lighting	5000
Halogen lamps	18-24	20	Excellent	Display, flood lighting, stadium exhibition grounds, construction areas	2000-4000
High pressure sodium (HPSV) SON	67-121	90	Fair	General lighting in factories, ware houses, street lighting	6000-12000
Low pressure sodium (LPSV) SOX	101-175	150	Poor	Roadways, tunnels, canals, street lighting	6000-12000

Recommended Illuminance Levels for Various Tasks / Activities / Locations

Recommendations on Illuminance

Scale of Illuminance:

The minimum illuminance for all non-working interiors, has been mentioned as 20 Lux (as per IS 3646). A factor of approximately 1.5 represents the smallest significant difference in subjective effect of illuminance. Therefore, the following scale of illuminances is recommended.
20–30–50–75–100–150–200–300–500–750–1000–1500–2000, … Lux
Illuminance ranges:
Because circumstances may be significantly different for different interiors used for the same application or for different conditions for the same kind of activity, a range of illuminances is recommended for each type of interior or activity intended of a single value of illuminance. Each range consists of three successive steps of the recommended scale of illuminances. For working interiors the middle value (R) of each range represents the recommended service illuminance that would be used unless one or more of the factors mentioned below apply.

The higher value (H) of the range should be used at exceptional cases where low reflectances or contrasts are present in the task, errors are costly to rectify, visual work is critical, accuracy or higher productivity is of great importance and the visual capacity of the worker makes it necessary.

Similarly, lower value (L) of the range may be used when reflectances or contrasts are unusually high, speed & accuracy is not important and the task is executed only occasionally.

Recommended Illumination

The following Table gives the recommended illuminance range for different tasks and activities for chemical sector. The values are related to the visual requirements of the task, to user's satisfaction, to practical experience and to the need for cost effective use of energy.(Source IS 3646 (Part I) : 1992).

For recommended illumination in other sectors, reader may refer

Chemicals

Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical works	
Exterior walkways, platforms, stairs and ladders	30-50-100
Exterior pump and valve areas	50-100-150
Pump and compressor houses	100-150-200
Process plant with remote control	30-50-100
Process plant requiring occasional manual intervention	50-100-150
Permanently occupied work stations in process plant	150-200-300
Control rooms for process plant	200-300-500
Pharmaceuticals Manufacturer and Fine chemicals manufacturer	
Pharmaceutical manufacturer	
Grinding, granulating, mixing, drying, tableting, sterilising, washing, preparation of solutions, filling, capping, wrapping, hardening	300-500-750
Fine chemical manufacturers	
Exterior walkways, platforms, stairs and ladders	30-50-100
Process plant	50-100-150
Fine chemical finishing	300-500-750
Inspection	300-500-750
Soap manufacture	
General area	200-300-500
Automatic processes	100-200-300
Control panels	200-300-500
Machines	200-300-500
Paint works	
General	200-300-500
Automatic processes	150-200-300
Control panels	200-300-500
Special batch mixing	500-750-1000
Colour matching	750-100-1500

Table 8.4 Savings by Use of High Efficacy Lamps				
Sector	Lamp type		Power saving	
	Existing	Proposed	Watts	%
Domestic/Commercial	GLS 100 W	*CFL 25 W	75	75
Industry	GLS 13 W	*CFL 9 W	4	31
	GLS 200 W	Blended 160 W	40	20
	TL 40 W	TLD 36 W	4	10
Industry/Commercial	HPMV 250 W	HPSV 150 W	100	37
	HPMV 400 W	HPSV 250 W	150	35

Table 8.5 Saving Potential by Use of High Efficacy Lamps for Street Lighting							
Existing lamp			Replaced units			Saving	
Type	W	Life hrs.	Type	W	Life	W	%
GLS	200	1000	ML	160	5000	40	7
GLS	300	1000	ML	250	5000	50	17
TL	2×40	5000	TL	2×36	5000	8	6
HPMV	125	5000	HPSV	70	12000	25	44
HPMV	250	5000	HPSV	150	12000	100	40
HPMV	400	5000	HPSV	250	12000	150	38