

How to Calculate Future Dates in Excel with Examples

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In Excel, you can use the DATE function to calculate a future date by specifying the year, month, and day values. For example, to calculate a date that is 30 days from today, you can use the formula =TODAY()+30. This will return the date 30 days from the current date. You can also use cell references to calculate a future date based on a specific date entered in a cell. For instance, if cell A1 contains a start date and cell B1 contains a number of days, you can use the formula =A1+B1 to calculate the future date. Other examples include calculating a future payment due date based on a billing date, or determining a project completion date based on a start date and estimated duration.

You can use the following formulas to calculate a future date in Excel:

Method 1: Calculate Future Date by Adding Days

=A2+50

This particular example will return the date that is 50 days after the date in cell **A2**.

Method 2: Calculate Future Date by Adding Business Days

=WORKDAY(A2, 50)

This particular example will return the date that is 50 business days after the date in cell **A2**.

Method 3: Calculate Future Date by Adding Months

=EDATE(A2, 3)

This particular example will return the date that is 3 months after the date in cell **A2**.

The following examples show how to use each method in practice with the following list of dates in Excel:

	A	B	C	D
1	Date			
2	1/1/2024			
3	1/5/2024			
4	2/17/2024			
5	3/24/2024			
6	4/1/2024			
7	5/16/2024			
8	6/1/2024			
9	8/12/2024			
10	10/15/2024			
11	11/26/2024			
12	12/1/2024			
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Example 1: Calculate Future Date by Adding Days

We can type the following formula into cell **B2** to return the date that is 50 days after the date in cell **A2**:

=A2+50

We can then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

	A	B	C	D
1	Date	Date + 50 Days		
2	1/1/2024	2/20/2024		
3	1/5/2024	2/24/2024		
4	2/17/2024	4/7/2024		
5	3/24/2024	5/13/2024		
6	4/1/2024	5/21/2024		
7	5/16/2024	7/5/2024		
8	6/1/2024	7/21/2024		
9	8/12/2024	10/1/2024		
10	10/15/2024	12/4/2024		
11	11/26/2024	1/15/2025		
12	12/1/2024	1/20/2025		
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Example 2: Calculate Future Date by Adding Business Days

We can type the following formula into cell **B2** to return the date that is 50 business days after the date in cell **A2**:

=WORKDAY(A2, 50)

We can then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

B2 \times \checkmark f_x =WORKDAY(A2, 50)

	A	B	C	D
1	Date	Date + 50 Business Days		
2	1/1/2024	3/11/2024		
3	1/5/2024	3/15/2024		
4	2/17/2024	4/26/2024		
5	3/24/2024	5/31/2024		
6	4/1/2024	6/10/2024		
7	5/16/2024	7/25/2024		
8	6/1/2024	8/9/2024		
9	8/12/2024	10/21/2024		
10	10/15/2024	12/24/2024		
11	11/26/2024	2/4/2025		
12	12/1/2024	2/7/2025		
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Each cell in column B displays the date that is 50 business days after the corresponding date in column A.

Note: You can find the complete documentation for the **WORKDAY** function in Excel .

Example 3: Calculate Future Date by Adding Months

We can type the following formula into cell **B2** to return the date that is 3 months after the date in cell **A2**:

=EDATE(A2, 3)

We can then click and drag this formula down to each remaining cell in column B:

B2 X ✓ fx =EDATE(A2, 3)

	A	B	C	D
1	Date	Date + 3 Months		
2	1/1/2024	4/1/2024		
3	1/5/2024	4/5/2024		
4	2/17/2024	5/17/2024		
5	3/24/2024	6/24/2024		
6	4/1/2024	7/1/2024		
7	5/16/2024	8/16/2024		
8	6/1/2024	9/1/2024		
9	8/12/2024	11/12/2024		
10	10/15/2024	1/15/2025		
11	11/26/2024	2/26/2025		
12	12/1/2024	3/1/2025		
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Each cell in column B displays the date that is 3 months after the corresponding date in column A.

Note: If the formula returns a numeric value, then you will need to click the **Number Format** dropdown menu on the **Home** tab along the ribbon and then click **Short Date** to format the number as a date.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common operations in Excel: