

How to Get the Same Date Next Month in Excel Using EDATE

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To get the same date next month in Excel, you can use the EDATE function. This function takes in two arguments - the starting date and the number of months to add. So, if you have a date in cell A1, you can use the formula =EDATE(A1,1) to get the same date next month. This will add one month to the date in A1 and return the corresponding date in the next month. You can also use this function to get the same date in a future or past month by changing the number of months to add accordingly.

Often you may want to get the same date next month in Excel.

For example, if a given cell contains the date **1/1/2024** then you may want to use a formula to return **2/1/2024**.

The easiest way to do this is by using the **EDATE** function as follows:

=EDATE(B2, 1)

This particular formula returns the same date next month for the date in cell **B2**.

The following example shows how to use this formula in practice.

Example: How to Get Same Date Next Month in Excel

Suppose we have the following dataset in Excel that shows the dates when various employees started working at some company:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Employee	Start Date				
2	A001	1/2/2024				
3	A002	1/15/2024				
4	A003	1/23/2024				
5	A004	2/16/2024				
6	A005	2/19/2024				
7	A006	2/25/2024				
8	A007	3/1/2024				
9	A008	3/20/2024				
10	A009	4/28/2024				
11	A010	5/3/2024				
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						

Suppose we would like to get the same date next month for each date in the **Start Date** column.

We can type the following formula into cell **C2** to do so:

=EDATE(B2, 1)

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

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Employee	Start Date	Start Date + 1 Month		
2	A001	1/2/2024	2/2/2024		
3	A002	1/15/2024	2/15/2024		
4	A003	1/23/2024	2/23/2024		
5	A004	2/16/2024	3/16/2024		
6	A005	2/19/2024	3/19/2024		
7	A006	2/25/2024	3/25/2024		
8	A007	3/1/2024	4/1/2024		
9	A008	3/20/2024	4/20/2024		
10	A009	4/28/2024	5/28/2024		
11	A010	5/3/2024	6/3/2024		
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					

Column C returns the same day next month for each corresponding date in column B.

How This Formula Works

Recall the formula that we used to get the same day next month for the date in cell **B2**:

=EDATE(B2, 1)

This particular formula uses the **EDATE** function, which uses the following syntax:

EDATE(start_date, months)

where:

start_date: A date that represents the start date

months: The number of months to add to the start date

By using **EDATE(B2, 1)** we are able to add exactly one month to the date in cell **B2**.

Note #1: If you'd like, you can provide a negative value as the second argument in the **EDATE**

function to instead subtract a certain number of months.

Note #2: You can find the complete documentation for the **EDATE** function in Excel .

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

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