



# Module 26: EDATE Function

## 26.1 EDATE Function

**The EDATE function in Excel allows you to return the serial number of a date that is the specified amount of months after a set date, which you can then convert this into a date format.**

The formula is written as :**=EDATE(start\_date, months)**

**start\_date** - This is the start date that you would like to calculate the months from.

**months** - The number of months you would like to calculate from the start date.

It is worth noting that the first date that can be used with this formula is January 1, 1900, as Excel does not use serial numbers for anything prior to this period. Any date before January 1, 1900 will only return an error.

## 26.2 Video Instruction

**EDATE Function in Excel - 1m 33s**

## 26.3 Task

*Estimated Time: 10 minutes*

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