

# Budgeting and Forecasting in Excel

Learn how to use standard Excel tools to improve and streamline your budgeting and forecasting process.

When embarking upon the budget process for your organisation this year, practical Microsoft Excel tools and strong financial modelling skills will be critical for managing the budget process. Historically, the budget process involves pulling out the financials and rolling them forward, but last year's actuals can no longer be an automatic target.

**Live online delivery**

**Small class sizes**

**Harness the power of Modern Excel today.**

“It's never been more important to build robust, flexible and dynamic budget models to accurately predict business outcomes

and handle the volatile economic inputs likely to emerge in these uncertain times.”

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**3 x 3-hour Sessions + clinic**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Claim up to 3 CPD  
hours per day

This course build on students' **existing knowledge** of Excel tools and functions and incorporates these into complex and dynamic budget and forecast models.

## **AGENDA**

### **DAY ONE**

- Budgets and strategic planning
- Using Excel for the budgeting & forecasting process
- Applying phasing and seasonality to model drivers

### **DAY TWO**

- Budgeting Techniques
- Critique of the budget process
- Building a rolling forecast in Excel

### **DAY THREE**

- Capital expenditure budgeting
- Variance analysis
- Using management reporting to promote accountability

*What past students say :*  
"An excellent combination of technical and practical applications to financial forecasting, control and budgeting."

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*"This course should be a core requirement for anyone in an analytical role. It has provided me with the confidence to address stakeholders in discussing forecasting and budgeting, especially the procedure and method of approach."*



Meet your facilitator, Excel budget, forecast & financial modelling specialist,

## **Danielle Stein Fairhurst**

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## Who should attend

This course is aimed at finance professionals who need to develop ways to improve and apply Excel skills to build budgets and forecasts. You will also develop your understanding of the financial drivers of the business and see how decisions affect an organisation's financial performance.

Got a few participants?  
Run a private session in-house!

## Online Schedule

### Tues 2nd – Thurs 4th December

#### 3 hours + clinic

- 3-6pm Sydney
- 2-5pm Brisbane
- 5-8pm Auckland
- 12-3pm Perth / Singapore
- 8-11am Dubai
- 4-7am London
- 8-11pm (-1) Los Angeles

#### Pre-requisites:

The course material includes extensive use of Excel and participants will gain the maximum benefit from this course if they are already competent spreadsheet users. It is designed for users who do use Excel on a regular basis and are comfortable with using its tools and functions.

#### Software Requirements:

Excel (preferably Excel 365) and zoom installed, a good Internet connection, a quiet room, microphone and webcam is required.

#### Delivery Format

This course is conducted as 3 x 3-hour live, online sessions on three consecutive days. At the conclusion of each formal session, a one-hour clinic is held where the instructor gives individual assistance and feedback. A download folder is provided, loaded with examples and templates.

At each step during the course, participants build and practice each formula, tool and technique and will build their own Budget and Forecast models to take away for future use.

Includes 6 months access to session recordings and post-event online support clinics

Course fees are AUD\$445 per head + GST (approx. US\$330)  
GST only applicable to Australian residents

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