

Could I have a little more?—Changing Due Dates

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Sometimes the loan period isn't enough time for your teachers. They might be able to renew the items themselves, but if not, it's up to you. How can you go about quickly changing due dates for multiple teachers and multiple items?

Alexandria gives you two ways: The **Change Due Date** (v7) or Fix Due Date (v6) utility, and the **Set Due Date** circulation command.

The screenshot shows the Alexandria library system interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Circulation', 'Command Help', 'Holds', 'Reservations', 'Charges', 'Support', and 'Special'. The 'Circulation' tab is selected. On the left side, there is a list of utility options: 'Clear Due Date', 'Overnight Check Out', 'Renew All Items', 'Renew Item', 'Same Day Check Out', 'Set Due Date' (which is highlighted), and 'Transfer Mode'. Below this list is a 'Filter' field with the text 'due'. On the right side, there is a text area with the following content: '.[date]' followed by 'Sets an override due date.' and a paragraph: 'Manual due dates may be from one year in the past to any time in the future. If the date falls on a closed date, it is adjusted forward during check out. The override date will remain in use even if the patron is changed.' Below this are three examples of commands: '.3/14/16' (All set the due date to March 14th. If you don't specify a year, the current year is used.), '.3/14/17 1001' (Sets a due date of 3/14/17 for all items checked out to the patron with barcode 1001.), and '.3/14/17 11482' (Sets a due date of 3/14/17 for the copy with barcode 11482.). At the bottom of the text area, it says 'To exit this mode, type a period '.' and press the enter or return key.' At the bottom of the interface, there is an 'Insert Command' button.

Utility

Run the utility in v7:

- Open Utilities and go to the Circulation category.
- Select the **Change Due Date** utility.
- Under Selections, choose the items to change, or the patrons whose checkouts you want to change.
 - In this example, it may work to choose patrons with the Teachers **policy**, or Patrons with Barcodes, if the teachers need *all* their items' due dates extended. If we only need to change the due dates of certain copies, the **Copies with Barcodes** field is probably the way to go.
- Under Options, set the **New Due Date**.

Run the utility in v6:

- Open Utilities and go to the Circulation category.
- Select the **Fix Due Date** utility.
- Set the **To Date** field with the new due date.
- Under Selection, choose the items to change, or the patrons whose checkouts you want to change.
 - In this example, it may work to choose patrons with the Teachers policy, or Patron Barcode List, if the teachers need *all* their items' due dates extended. If we only need to change the due dates of certain copies, the **Copy Barcode List** field is probably the way to go.

Circulation

To do this in Circulation, you would set an Override Date.

- In the Command Line, enter a period followed by the new due date, e.g. **.3/14/18**.
 - The Override Date shows up to the right of the Command Line.
- Scan the item barcodes.
 - Alexandria will change the due dates of the scanned items to the new date.

You can also do this on an item-by-item basis in Circulation > **Renewals subtab** > Set Due Date.