

how to reset the developer VBA setting etc. to default in excel

To **reset the Developer, VBA, and other Excel settings to default**, you need to address both Excel's application settings and the Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) editor settings. Here's how you can do it:

1. Reset Excel Application Settings to Default

- **Delete Excel's customization files:**
 - Close Excel.
 - Press Windows + R, type `%appdata%\Microsoft\Excel`, and press Enter.
 - Delete files like `excel15.xlb` or `excel16.xlb` (the number depends on your Excel version). These files store toolbar and ribbon customizations. When deleted, Excel will recreate them with default settings the next time it starts^[1].
- **Reset via Windows Registry (advanced):**
 - Open the Registry Editor (`regedit`).
 - Navigate to:
`HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\<version>\Excel`
(Replace `<version>` with your Office version, e.g., 16.0 for Office 2016/2019/365.)
 - Right-click the Excel key and delete it.
This will remove all user-level customizations and settings; Excel will recreate default settings on next launch.
Backup your registry before making changes^{[1] [2]}.

2. Reset VBA Editor (VBE) Settings

- **Reset VBA Editor via Registry:**
 - Close all Office programs.
 - Open Registry Editor (`regedit`).
 - Go to:
`HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\VBA\6.0\Common`
 - Right-click `Common` and delete it.
This removes all VBA Editor customizations (window layout, colors, etc.) and restores defaults when you next open the VBA Editor.
Export this key first as a backup^[3].

3. Reset Workbook Styles and Macros (Optional)

- If you want to reset workbook-level styles to default, you can use a VBA macro to remove custom styles and merge defaults from a new workbook ^[4].

Important Notes:

- **Back up** your registry and any important customizations before proceeding.
- These actions will remove personalized settings, including ribbon customizations, macro security settings, and VBA editor preferences.

Summary Table

Setting	How to Reset
Excel UI/Toolbar	Delete .xlb files in %appdata%\Microsoft\Excel
All Excel User Settings	Delete registry key: HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\ <version>\Excel
VBA Editor (VBE) Settings	Delete registry key: HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\VBA\6.0\Common
Workbook Styles	Use VBA macro to remove and restore default styles

There is no single VBA command to reset all Excel and VBA settings to default; manual steps as described above are required ^[5] ^[6].

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1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sbo2O8PHVsg>
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3. <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/26810053/how-to-restore-vba-editor-to-its-initial-settings>
4. <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/topic/how-to-programmatically-reset-a-workbook-to-default-style-s-36e94af7-d185-68fb-3962-0882a5260132>
5. <https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/excel/vba-to-restore-excel-defaults/td-p/211170>
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