

UAE E-Invoicing: Timeline and How to Prepare

The phased deadlines, how the five-corner model works and the practical steps to be ready on time.

The UAE is moving business invoicing onto a structured digital system. Instead of PDFs sent by email, invoices will travel between Accredited Service Providers (ASPs), and tax data will be shared with the Federal Tax Authority.

Key dates

Group	Appoint ASP by	Go-live
Revenue AED 50m or more	30 Oct 2026	1 Jan 2027
Revenue below AED 50m	31 Mar 2027	1 Jul 2027
Government entities	31 Mar 2027	1 Oct 2027

How the five-corner model works

- 1 The supplier issues the invoice from its ERP or accounting system.
- 2 The supplier's ASP validates it and sends it on.
- 3 The buyer's ASP receives it and delivers it to the buyer.
- 4 The buyer imports the invoice into its own system.
- 5 The ASPs report the tax data to the FTA.

Getting ready

- Review data quality first — customer TRNs, legal names and item codes cause most rejections.
- Check whether your current software can produce structured e-invoices.
- Choose your ASP early; onboarding and testing take time.
- Plan a test period before your go-live date.

Dates as announced by the UAE Ministry of Finance (updated June 2026). Confirm current deadlines with the FTA.

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