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E-invoicing deadlines at a glance

UAE and Saudi Arabia | What changes, when, and what to do now | Updated November 2026

United Arab Emirates

E-invoicing becomes mandatory for **B2B and B2G invoices**. Each business must appoint a Ministry-approved **Accredited Service Provider (ASP)**, which sends invoices in a structured format and reports the invoice data to the Federal Tax Authority.

Business size (annual revenue)	Appoint an ASP by	E-invoicing goes live
AED 50 million or more	30 October 2026 (passed)	**1 January 2027**
Under AED 50 million **(most SMEs)**	**31 March 2027**	**1 July 2027**

Penalty: AED 5,000 for appointing an ASP late, then AED 5,000 for each further month (or part of a month), up to AED 50,000 in any 12 months (Cabinet Decision No. 173 of 2026). Once live, AED 100 for each invoice not issued as an e-invoice, up to AED 5,000 a month. Separately, UAE Corporate Tax returns remain due within 9 months of the financial year end.

Saudi Arabia

ZATCA is connecting businesses to its **Fatoora** platform (Phase 2) in waves, each covering smaller businesses than the last. **Wave 25 must be connected from 1 February 2027.** ZATCA notifies each business in writing at least six months before its own date, so check whether you have had a notice.

Five things to do now

1. **Confirm your deadline.** Check your revenue band (UAE) or your ZATCA notice (Saudi).
2. **Clean up your books.** Unreconciled accounts and wrong VAT treatment show up fast once invoice data goes to the tax authority.
3. **Fix your customer records.** Correct legal names, addresses and tax registration numbers for every B2B customer.
4. **Check your accounting software.** Make sure it can connect to an e-invoicing provider, or plan the change now.
5. **Choose a provider and test.** Appoint an approved provider before the deadline, then send test invoices before go-live.

Free e-invoicing readiness review

We review your books, VAT position, customer records and accounting software, then send you a short report of what to fix before your deadline. No cost and no obligation. We are an accounting and finance-automation team, not an e-invoicing provider, so we work alongside whichever approved provider you choose.

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