

# Zoho Books UAE Buyer's Guide 2026

Pricing plans, UAE VAT compliance, key features, QuickBooks comparison, implementation timeline, automation savings, and UAE integrations — by Perfonec Computers, Dubai

## QUICK SUMMARY

Zoho Books is an FTA-accredited cloud accounting platform starting from AED 50 per month. It handles UAE VAT at 5%, Corporate Tax, multi-currency billing, bank reconciliation, FTA-compliant invoicing, and automated VAT 201 report generation — making it one of the most cost-effective and compliant accounting solutions for UAE small and mid-sized businesses.

## 1. Zoho Books Pricing Plans for UAE Businesses

Plan	Users	Price (AED/month)	Key Features
Free	1 user	AED 0	Invoicing, basic accounting, 1 user
Standard	3 users	AED 50	VAT 201, bank reconciliation, recurring invoices
Professional	5 users	AED 175	Inventory, purchase orders, sales orders
Premium	10 users	AED 275	Custom reports, budgets, vendor portals
Zoho One	All staff	AED 120/user	40+ apps incl. CRM, HR, payroll, projects

## 2. Zoho Books UAE VAT and Compliance Features

- FTA-accredited platform — approved by the Federal Tax Authority for UAE VAT purposes
- All four UAE VAT categories — standard 5%, zero-rated, exempt, and out of scope
- FTA-compliant invoice templates — seller and buyer TRN fields included
- VAT 201 return report — generated automatically from your accounting data each quarter
- UAE Corporate Tax at 9% — configurable through chart of accounts and tax settings
- Multi-currency with AED as base — automatic exchange rate conversion for VAT calculation
- UAE e-invoicing ready — API connection to FTA-approved ASPs for PINT AE from 2027
- 5-year record retention — all transactions stored and exportable for FTA audit purposes

## 3. Zoho Books vs QuickBooks — UAE Comparison

Factor	Zoho Books	QuickBooks
Starting price UAE	AED 50/month	AED 77/month and above
FTA accreditation	Yes	Yes (when correctly configured)
UAE VAT localisation	Strong — built-in	Good — requires UAE setup

Mobile app	Full-featured iOS and Android	Full-featured iOS and Android
Bank feed UAE	Supported	Supported
Multi-currency	Full support	Full support
Zoho ecosystem	Native integration with 40+ apps	Third-party integrations
Best for UAE	SMEs wanting affordability + compliance	Businesses needing wider integrations

## 4. Zoho Books UAE Implementation Timeline

- Day 1 to 3 — Account creation, UAE VAT configuration, chart of accounts setup
- Day 3 to 7 — Customer and supplier data import, product catalogue, opening balances
- Day 7 to 10 — UAE bank feed connection, invoice template customisation, user access
- Day 10 to 14 — User training and parallel run before full go-live
- Week 3 to 4 (complex) — Zoho Inventory, CRM, or Payroll integration if required

### IMPLEMENTATION ADVANTAGE

Zoho Books is a cloud-native platform — no software to install, no server to configure. Most UAE small business implementations are live within 1 to 2 weeks. This is significantly faster than desktop accounting software or ERP implementations.

## 5. Time Savings From Zoho Books Automation

- Recurring invoices — monthly retainers, service contracts, and subscriptions generate and send automatically
- Automated bank reconciliation — bank feed matches payments to invoices automatically
- Automated payment reminders — overdue invoice follow-ups sent automatically at set intervals
- VAT 201 return — generated automatically from accounting data in minutes not days
- Expense recording — mobile receipt capture with OCR extracts amounts automatically

### TIME SAVING ESTIMATE

UAE businesses using Zoho Books automation typically save 5 to 10 hours per week in accounting administration time. For a UAE business paying AED 2,000 to 5,000 per month for bookkeeping, this saving often exceeds the Zoho Books subscription cost within the first month.

## 6. Key Zoho Books UAE Integrations

- UAE bank feeds — automated bank reconciliation with leading UAE banks
- Zoho CRM — customer data syncs automatically from CRM to Books for invoicing
- Zoho Inventory — stock levels and purchase orders connected to accounting
- Zoho Payroll — UAE WPS salary processing with automatic journal entries in Books
- Zoho Expense — staff expense claims flow automatically into Books as transactions


### About Perfonec Computers


Perfonec Computers is an authorised Zoho partner in the UAE, handling complete Zoho Books implementation — UAE VAT configuration, Corporate Tax setup, bank feed integration, data migration, user training, and ongoing support — for businesses across Dubai and the UAE. Also authorised for QuickBooks, TallyPrime, Odoo ERP, and Sage 50.


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