

How UAE E-Invoicing Works:

Peppol, PINT AE XML and ASP Explained Simply

A plain-language guide to how UAE e-invoicing actually works — what Peppol is, what PINT AE XML means, what an ASP does, and why QuickBooks and Odoo users on Perfonec's QBESync and Odoo E-Invoice Add-On are already compliant with one click — by Perfonec Computers, Dubai UAE.

THE SHORT VERSION FOR QUICKBOOKS AND ODOO USERS

If you use QuickBooks — install QBESync by Perfonec. Done. If you use Odoo ERP — install the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On by Perfonec. Done. Both products handle all PINT AE XML generation and Peppol transmission automatically. Your team continues using their existing software exactly as before. Zero workflow change. One click to compliance.

1. What Is UAE E-Invoicing — In One Paragraph

UAE e-invoicing is the FTA's requirement that every B2B invoice issued by a UAE VAT-registered business must be generated in a specific digital format called PINT AE XML and transmitted electronically to the buyer through a government-approved network called Peppol — via a certified middleman called an ASP (Accredited Service Provider). PDF invoices sent by email are no longer valid B2B invoices after the mandatory deadline. The invoice must travel digitally from your accounting software to your buyer's system through this specific route — your software → ASP → Peppol network → buyer's software.

2. The Three Terms Every UAE Business Owner Needs to Understand

PINT AE XML — What Format the Invoice Must Be In

PINT AE XML is the mandatory digital invoice format for UAE e-invoicing. Think of it like a very specific spreadsheet format — every invoice must contain exactly the right fields in exactly the right structure. PINT stands for Peppol International — the international standard. AE is the UAE country code. XML is the file format. Your existing accounting software (QuickBooks, Odoo, TallyPrime, Zoho Books) does not automatically produce PINT AE XML when you create an invoice — it needs to be converted or generated in this format before transmission. QBESync (for QuickBooks) and the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On (for Odoo) handle this conversion automatically.

Peppol — What Network the Invoice Must Travel Through

Peppol is the international electronic invoice transmission network — think of it like a secure postal system specifically for business invoices. It is used in dozens of countries worldwide and the UAE has adopted it as the mandatory transmission method for UAE B2B e-invoicing. Your invoice enters the Peppol network through an access point, travels to the buyer's access point, and is delivered to the buyer's system. TallyPrime 7.0 has its own Peppol access point built in. QuickBooks and Odoo connect to Peppol through an ASP — which is what QBESync and the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On handle automatically.

ASP — The Certified Middleman Between Your Software and Peppol

ASP stands for Accredited Service Provider — a company that the UAE Ministry of Finance has approved to receive your PINT AE XML invoice, validate it, and transmit it through the Peppol network to your buyer. Think of the ASP as a certified courier — your invoice goes from your software to the ASP, the ASP checks it is correctly formatted, and then delivers it through Peppol. 33 ASPs are pre-approved by the UAE Ministry of Finance. QBESync and the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On connect to your chosen ASP automatically after a one-time setup — you never need to interact with the ASP manually.

3. The Journey of a UAE E-Invoice — Step by Step

Here is exactly what happens from the moment you confirm a B2B invoice in your accounting software to the moment your buyer receives it:

Step	What Happens	Who Does It
1	You create and confirm a B2B invoice in your accounting software — QuickBooks, Odoo, TallyPrime, Zoho Books	You — same as always
2	Your software (or add-on) extracts the invoice data and generates it in PINT AE XML format with all 17 mandatory fields	QBESync / Odoo Add-On / TallyPrime 7.0 / Zoho API
3	The PINT AE XML invoice is validated — all 17 mandatory fields checked before transmission	QBESync / Odoo Add-On / ASP
4	The validated PINT AE XML is sent to your FTA-approved ASP via a secure API connection	QBESync / Odoo Add-On automatically
5	The ASP performs its own PINT AE validation and transmits the invoice into the Peppol network	Your FTA-approved ASP
6	The Peppol network routes the invoice to the buyer's Peppol access point	Peppol network
7	The buyer's ASP or Peppol access point receives the invoice and delivers it to the buyer's accounting system	Buyer's ASP / system
8	Invoice transmission status — sent, received, or rejected — is visible in your QBESync or Odoo dashboard	QBESync / Odoo Add-On dashboard

4. QBESync and Odoo E-Invoice Add-On — One-Click UAE E-Invoicing Compliance

PERFONEC'S ONE-CLICK COMPLIANCE PRODUCTS

Perfonec Computers has developed two UAE e-invoicing products — QBESync for QuickBooks and the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On for Odoo ERP — that handle all of steps 2 through 8 above automatically, without your team needing to do anything differently. You confirm the invoice in your existing software exactly as before. QBESync or the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On handles everything else silently in the background.



QBESync UAE E-Invoicing Add-On for QuickBooks

For QuickBooks Premier, Enterprise and Pro users

- Extracts invoice data from QuickBooks automatically on confirmation
- Converts to PINT AE XML with all 17 mandatory fields mapped correctly
- Validates PINT AE fields before transmission — catches errors before ASP does
- Sends to your FTA-approved ASP via secure API — automatically
- Shows transmission status per invoice in QBESync dashboard

- Handles credit notes, advance payment invoices, multi-currency invoices
- Your team uses QuickBooks exactly as before — QBESync is invisible
- Developed by Perfonec — Authorised QuickBooks Dealer and Certified Pro Advisor



Odoo E-Invoice Add-On

UAE E-Invoicing Add-On for Odoo ERP

For Odoo 16, 17 and 18 users

- Installs in existing Odoo 16, 17 or 18 instance — no version upgrade needed
- Generates PINT AE XML automatically from every confirmed B2B invoice
- Reads Odoo fiscal positions for automatic VAT category code mapping
- Sends to your FTA-approved ASP via secure API — automatically
- Shows transmission status per invoice in Odoo dashboard
- Handles credit notes, advance payment per Version 1.1, multi-currency
- Your team uses Odoo exactly as before — Add-On runs silently in background
- Developed by Perfonec — Odoo Ready Partner with Odoo Middle East (Cert n°0000699697)

5. What Your Team Actually Needs to Do After QBESync or Odoo Add-On is Installed

WHAT YOUR TEAM DOES AFTER INSTALLATION

After Perfonec installs and configures QBESync or the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On for you — your team does not need to do anything new. Create invoice in QuickBooks or Odoo. Confirm it. That is it. QBESync and the Odoo E-Invoice Add-On handle the rest automatically — PINT AE XML generation, ASP transmission, Peppol delivery, status tracking. Zero workflow change for your accounting team.

Task	Before QBESync / Add-On	After QBESync / Add-On
Create invoice	Create in QuickBooks or Odoo	Same — no change
Confirm invoice	Click Confirm / Save	Same — no change
PINT AE XML	Not possible natively	■ Auto-generated instantly
Send to ASP	Not possible natively	■ Auto-transmitted silently
Peppol delivery	Not possible natively	■ Auto-delivered to buyer
Send to buyer	Email PDF manually	■ Handled via Peppol
Check status	No status available	■ Dashboard shows sent/received

6. UAE E-Invoicing Mandatory Deadlines

Business Category	ASP Appointment	Mandatory Go-Live
Revenue AED 50M or above	30 October 2026	1 January 2027
All other VAT-registered SMEs	31 March 2027	1 July 2027
Government entities	31 March 2027	1 October 2027
Pilot phase — all businesses	From 1 July 2026	No penalty

PENALTY REMINDER

Penalties under Cabinet Decision No. 106 of 2025: AED 5,000/month for failure to implement. AED 100 per non-compliant invoice capped at AED 5,000/month. Pilot phase from 1 July 2026 carries no financial penalties.

About Perfonec Computers

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