

■ BIG NEWS — ZOHOO BOOKS IS NOW A MoF-LISTED APPROVED ASP AND E-INVOICING SOLUTION PROVIDER

Zoho Books E-Invoicing in 4 Simple Steps

Complete Guide for UAE Businesses — How to Set Up UAE Peppol E-Invoicing Directly in Zoho Books — Now an MoF-Listed Approved ASP

Zoho Books is now listed by the UAE Ministry of Finance as an Approved ASP and E-Invoicing Solution Provider. This means UAE Peppol e-invoicing works directly within Zoho Books — no external ASP subscription needed. This guide covers the four steps to set up UAE e-invoicing in Zoho Books, what the MoF listing means for your business, which Zoho Books plans are supported, and how Perfonec helps as the authorised Zoho Partner in UAE.

ZOHOO BOOKS — MoF-LISTED APPROVED ASP AND E-INVOICING SOLUTION PROVIDER

MoF listing status	Approved ASP and E-Invoicing Solution Provider
Direct Peppol	Built into Zoho Books — no external ASP needed
Supported plans	Professional · Premium · Elite
Not supported	Standard plan and Free tier — upgrade needed
What this means	Zoho Books creates PINT AE XML and transmits through UAE Peppol directly
Perfonec role	Authorised Zoho Partner — handles full setup and configuration

STEP 1 ■ Check Your Zoho Books Plan

UAE Peppol e-invoicing is available on Zoho Books Professional, Premium, and Elite plans only. The Standard plan and Free tier do not support the direct Peppol connection. Therefore, confirm your current plan before starting any setup.

Professional (~AED 110/month)	■ Supported — direct Peppol e-invoicing included
Premium (~AED 165/month)	■ Supported — direct Peppol e-invoicing included
Elite (~AED 220/month)	■ Supported — direct Peppol e-invoicing included
Standard (~AED 55/month)	■ Not supported — upgrade to Professional needed
Free tier	■ Not supported — upgrade to Professional needed

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If you are on the Standard plan, upgrade to Professional before beginning setup. Perfonec handles Zoho Books plan upgrades and billing as the authorised Zoho Partner in UAE.

STEP 2 ■ Complete the PINT AE Data Audit

Before direct Peppol e-invoicing can work, all 17 mandatory PINT AE fields must be correctly set up in your Zoho Books account. This is the most time-consuming step — and the most important.

Buyer TRN — BT-46	Every UAE VAT customer in Contacts must have their 15-digit TRN in the Tax ID field
Supplier TRN — BT-29	Your company TRN must be correctly entered in Zoho Books organisation settings
Structured addresses — BT-35/BT-50	Street, city, and country code must be in separate fields — not one text block
Specific item names — BT-131	No generic names — Services, Goods, Item will fail PINT AE validation
UN/CEFACT unit codes	All units of measure must use UN/CEFACT codes — EA, KGM, LTR, MTR, HUR
VAT category codes	All tax rates mapped to S (5%), Z (zero-rated), E (exempt), or O (out of scope)
■ PERFONEC HANDLES THIS: Perfonec runs the complete 17-field PINT AE data audit for UAE Zoho Books accounts as part of the standard setup service. We check, identify, and fix every gap before the direct Peppol connection is enabled.	

STEP 3 ■■ Enable and Configure Direct Peppol in Zoho Books	
Once the data audit is complete, the direct Peppol e-invoicing connection must be enabled and configured in your Zoho Books account settings. This covers the core connection, credit note settings, advance payments, and free zone beneficiary fields.	
Enable UAE e-invoicing	Turn on UAE e-invoicing in Zoho Books Settings → E-Invoicing
Credit note type 381	Configure credit notes as PINT AE document type 381 with original invoice reference
Advance payment invoices	Set up advance payment invoice handling per UAE E-Invoicing Guidelines Version 1.1
Free zone beneficiary field	Configure for DMCC, JAFZA, IFZA, DIFC, ADGM, and RAKEZ businesses
Tax rate mapping	Confirm all Zoho Books tax rates are mapped to S, Z, E, O PINT AE codes
Test connection	Verify the direct Peppol connection is active before pilot testing
■ PERFONEC HANDLES THIS: Perfonec handles the full Zoho Books direct Peppol configuration as the authorised Zoho Partner in UAE — including all UAE-specific settings, free zone fields, and credit note configuration per Version 1.1.	

STEP 4 ■ Test During the Pilot Phase and Go Live	
The UAE e-invoicing pilot phase has been open since 1 July 2026 with zero financial penalties for any errors. Use this window to test all invoice types before the mandatory deadline carries financial consequences.	
Standard B2B invoice	All 17 PINT AE fields populated — standard rated at 5%
Credit note type 381	BT-3 = 381, original invoice reference in BT-25
Zero-rated export invoice	Buyer country code ≠ AE — VAT category Z
Advance payment invoice	Per UAE E-Invoicing Guidelines Version 1.1
Free zone invoice	Beneficiary field populated for DMCC/JAFZA/IFZA/DIFC
Multi-currency invoice	AED equivalent amounts included per Version 1.1

■ PERFONEC HANDLES THIS:

Perfonec runs the full pilot test sequence for all Zoho Books UAE e-invoicing clients — covering all invoice types, error identification, data quality fixes, team training on the Zoho Books Peppol dashboard, and go-live support.

How UAE Peppol E-Invoicing Works in Zoho Books — After Setup

Once the four steps above are complete, UAE e-invoicing runs automatically in the background. Your team confirms invoices in Zoho Books exactly as always. The Peppol transmission happens without any extra steps.

Step	What Happens	Who Handles It
1	Invoice confirmed in Zoho Books	Your team — same as always
2	Zoho Books creates PINT AE XML directly	Zoho Books — automatic
3	Zoho Books validates all 17 PINT AE fields	Zoho Books — automatic
4	PINT AE XML transmitted through UAE Peppol network	Zoho Books — automatic
5	Invoice delivered to buyer's accounting system	Peppol network — automatic
6	Send status updated in Zoho Books dashboard	Zoho Books — automatic

UAE E-Invoicing Mandatory Deadlines

Business Category	Go-Live Date	Fines Begin
Revenue AED 50M or above	1 January 2027	2 January 2027
All other VAT-registered SMEs	1 July 2027	2 July 2027
Pilot phase — all businesses	From 1 July 2026	No penalties

Fine for not going live: AED 5,000 per month — no upper cap. Fine per non-compliant invoice: AED 100 — capped at AED 5,000 per month. Maximum combined fine: AED 10,000 per month. However, the pilot phase from 1 July 2026 carries zero fines. Start your Zoho Books direct Peppol setup now — while testing is free.

About Perfonec Computers — Authorised Zoho Partner UAE

Perfonec is the authorised Zoho Partner in UAE — listed on the official Zoho Partner Directory. We supply Zoho Books licences, handle the complete UAE e-invoicing setup including direct Peppol configuration, all 17 PINT AE field checks, pilot testing, team training, and go-live support. Perfonec is also Authorised QuickBooks Dealer and Pro Advisor, Authorised Silver Partner for TallyPrime, Odoo Ready Partner with Odoo Middle East (Cert n°0000699697), developer of QBESync and OESync, and Authorised Sage Reseller UAE.

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