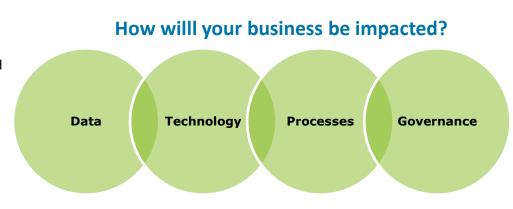


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E-invoicing is the process of generating and exchanging electronic invoices and related notes in a digital and tax-compliant format. Tax Authorities worldwide are adopting e-invoicing obligations to drive real-time data, increase tax compliance, reduce the Value Added Tax (VAT) gap, and further automate tax audits. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is on target to introduce a mandatory e-invoicing regime by July 2026.

E-invoicing is a business-critical digital requirement that introduces compliance and transformation challenges. UAE organizations should prepare for a comprehensive implementation and involve key stakeholders. The key e-invoicing challenges for your business will be across four pillars:



#### How can your organization meet the e-invoicing requirements and obligations?

Organizations need to implement an (accredited) e-invoicing solution that meets all relevant tax, legislative, and IT requirements. Early adopters of e-invoicing can minimize document errors and rejections after go-live.

#### Identifying the optimal approach for your business challenging.

Deloitte's high-level recommended project approach includes the following:

#### **Phase 1: E-invoicing Impact Assessment**



## **Phase 2: Implementation**



#### Phase 3: Go-live and operate business as usual



- Identify stakeholders and develop **RACI**
- Review business transaction scenarios and business processes
- Evaluate VAT compliance processes
- Assess available, partial and missing data
- Tag e-invoicing touchpoints to system landscape (ERP, billing and procurement systems)
- Develop high-level roadmap

## of e-invoicing solution

- Elicit all functional and technical requirements
- Asses Accredited Service Provider (ASP) suitability
- · Create functional and technical designs
- Data cleanse and data mapping to **UAE Data Dictionary**
- **Build unit and Integration Testing**
- **User Acceptance Testing and** training
- Process re-design and governance documentation
- Cutover and Go-Live

- Continuous user training
- Business as usual and compliance with e-invoicing and tax legislation
- Monitoring and resolution of errors and rejections
- Alignment with regulatory amendments
- Performance optimization

#### Organizations that are non-compliant with the e-invoicing and VAT regulations could be subject to penalties.

Without a clearly defined approach and ownership, organizations risk encountering implementation hurdles, overlooking potential automation benefits, facing compliance and customer challenges, and increasing exposure to tax risk.

The most successful e-invoicing projects start early. It is critical to allocate time for planning, implementation, and testing to achieve a seamless and successful rollout.

Deloitte can support your business with end-to-end e-invoicing implementation, including tax advisory, functional, and IT technical guidance.

### Actions to take, in the UAE, today



Identify impacted business processes. including O2C, P2P, R2R, IT and master data



Assess quality of data in source systems. Early adopters should assess against Peppol reporting specs



**Identify source systems impacted.** Locate where documents are raised, master data stored



Nominate workstreams lead, with defined roles and responsibilities. Align with your global e-invoicing program.



Open discussion with e-invoicing solutions providers and potential ASPs



Assess VAT compliance process and identify non-compliance



# E-invoicing requires a collaborative effort Get in touch with us today



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