UAE E-Invoicing 2026
SME Readiness Checklist

Is Your POS System FTA-Compliant?

Pause POS

Built for UAE. Ready for 2026.

Updated: March 2026 | Based on Ministerial Decisions No. 243 & 244 of 2025

📋 How to Use This Checklist

This checklist helps UAE small business owners audit their current POS system against the Federal Tax Authority's 2026 e-invoicing requirements.

Instructions:

1. Review each requirement below
2. Mark ✅ if your POS supports it, ❌ if it doesn't
3. Use the "Notes" section to track action items
4. Priority badges guide your implementation order

📅 Official Implementation Timeline

Phase	Business Criteria	ASP Appointment Deadline	Go-Live Deadline
Pilot	Selected Taxpayer Working Group members	N/A (Invitation only)	1 July 2026
Phase 1	≥ AED 50M annual revenue	31 July 2026	1 January 2027
Phase 2	< AED 50M annual revenue	31 March 2027	1 July 2027
Phase 3	Government Entities	N/A	1 October 2027

⚠️ **Cost of Non-Compliance**

- **AED 5,000/month** for late ASP appointment (capped at AED 50,000)
- **AED 100/invoice** for late transmission to ASP (capped at AED 5,000/month)
- **AED 1,000/day** for failure to report system malfunctions
- Additional VAT assessments if invoices are deemed non-compliant during audit

Source: FTA Administrative Penalties Decision No. 15 of 2023 (as amended)

✅ Core Compliance Checklist

Mark each item that your current POS system supports:

☐ **Sequential & Immutable Invoice Numbering** `CRITICAL`

Every invoice has a unique, chronological number with no gaps. Edits/create credit notes only—no hard deletes.

☐ **Bilingual Receipts (Arabic/English)** `CRITICAL`

Arabic text is legally mandatory on all tax invoices. System supports RTL formatting on screen and printed receipts.

☐ **PINT-AE XML Export Capability** `CRITICAL`

Generates structured XML invoices compliant with UAE Peppol Invoice Standard (PINT-AE) and MoF Data Dictionary v1.0.

☐ **Accredited Service Provider (ASP) Integration** `CRITICAL`

Can transmit validated invoices to an FTA-accredited ASP via Peppol network for official submission.

☐ **5-Year UAE Data Archiving** `RECOMMENDED`

Encrypted storage of tax records within UAE borders for minimum 5 years, with FTA-ready retrieval.

☐ **TRN Validation & Endpoint Resolution** `RECOMMENDED`

Auto-validates customer TRNs against FTA database and resolves Peppol endpoint IDs for B2B invoices.

☐ **Offline-First Architecture** `NICE TO HAVE`

Continues processing sales during internet outages; syncs data automatically when connection restores.

☐ **Automated Arabic Product Mapping** `NICE TO HAVE`

AI-assisted translation of product names to accurate Arabic (not machine translation) for inventory and receipts.

🔧 Technical Readiness Assessment

System Integration Questions

☐ Can your POS export invoice data in XML format?

    If yes: Is it validated against the PINT-AE XSD schema?

☐ Does your system support API integration with ASPs?

    List compatible ASPs: _____

☐ Is your data stored in UAE-based data centers?

    Required for compliance with data residency requirements.

☐ Does your POS generate SHA-256 hashes for invoice integrity?

    Recommended for audit trail immutability.

Staff & Process Readiness

☐ Have staff been trained on bilingual receipt requirements?

☐ Is there a process for handling credit notes and invoice corrections?

☐ Do you have a backup/recovery plan for POS system failures?

📝 Action Items & Notes

Use this space to track your compliance journey:

🚀 Ready to Become 2026-Compliant?

Pause POS is built specifically for UAE FTA e-invoicing compliance:

- ✅ PINT-AE validated XML generation
- ✅ Native bilingual (AR/EN) receipt engine
- ✅ Pre-integrated with FTA-accredited ASPs
- ✅ UAE-hosted encrypted archiving
- ✅ Offline-first architecture for uninterrupted sales

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📞 Need Help Choosing?

Our UAE-based compliance team can audit your current setup and recommend the fastest path to compliance.

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