

## ZATCA E-Invoicing 2nd Phase

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# Let's get back to e-invoicing. What is it and how it works?

The e-invoicing process called FATOORAH applies to taxable persons who are residents in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well to the customers or any third parties who issue a tax invoice on behalf of a taxable person who is a resident in the Kingdom according to the VAT Implementing Regulation.

E-invoicing is a process where businesses can send, receive, and store invoices electronically. The main benefits of e-invoicing are that it is paperless, efficient, and secure.



# Why is e-invoicing being introduced in KSA?

The Saudi government has introduced several initiatives to digitize the economy and promote e-invoicing, such as ZATCA. E-invoicing will help reduce the administrative burden on businesses, improve compliance and promote transparency.

It will also help the government keep track of companies and their activities. E-invoicing will also create a common database for audits. With this readily available information, tax authorities won't need to conduct audits as frequently as before.

## **Benefits for taxpayers**

A better experience for sellers and buyers. When you issue invoices quickly in real time, input tax credits will be processed faster.

Electronic data will be more secure and less error-prone than paper entries. With a proper system for validating invoices, there will be fewer chances for fraud, leading to fair competition and improvement of trade.

It helps businesses comply with government regulations; A streamlined electronic invoicing process reduces slip-ups and additional hassles for business owners. Your workload gets reduced, you get paid faster, and you can retrieve documents easily when storing them digitally.

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- It reduces the administrative burden on businesses.
- It is secure and reduces the risk of fraud.

## The two phases of e-invoicing regulations in KSA

ZATCA has embraced two electronic invoicing regulations mandating businesses to adopt new e-invoicing procedures in two phases. Now on schedule is second phase.

#### Phase 2 (January 1, 2023)

The second phase will start on January 1, 2023. The following are the requirements for businesses during this phase:

Integrate your e-invoicing solution with ZATCA's system to allow you to send invoices to their portal for verification and validation.

Issue invoices in specific formats such as PDF/A-3, XML, or embedded XML.

Your system should connect to external systems with Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and produce a UUID (Universally Unique Identifier), digital signature, a unique sequential number for each invoice, and a cryptographic stamp.

During this phase, you will be required to share data and report invoices to ZATCA for validation and verification.

## **Timeline**



## **Types of e-invoices**

Tax e-invoice (standard e-invoice)

Types of e-invoices Tax e-invoices are issued for B2B and B2G transactions and are generally used for claiming input VAT deduction by buyers. In phase 1, these invoices will have to be shared with buyers in the required format. In phase 2, these invoices can be shared with buyers only after being cryptographically stamped and cleared by ZATCA. If your buyer is VAT registered, you will have to add their VAT registration number to the invoice, and you can opt to add a QR code.





Customized E-Invoice Formats also available.

## **E-Invoice structure**

- 1. Invoice type description
- 2. Invoice reference number (IRN)
- 3. Invoice issue date
- 4. Seller's name, address, and ID
- 5. Buyer's name, address, and ID
- 6. Product or service description
- 7. VAT calculation fields (net, gross, VAT rate, subtotals, etc.)

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## **Technology: Special fields details**

**Universally Unique Identifier (UUID):** Example 061c95fb-d6bb402-e-aa6-24cb09ec1d013 **Cryptographic Stamp:** Tax Invoice Generated by ZATCA, Simplified Invoice Generated by the Tax Player Solution.

**Cryptographic Stamp Identifier:** Credential that is associated with a cryptographic stamp and associates it with a registered Invoice Solution.

**Previous Invoice Hash:** Automatically generated within the taxpayer's invoice solutions and is not visible on the invoice. The hash can be thought of as a digital fingerprint of the invoice. **QR Code:** The QR contains basic invoice data and is included within the printed invoice and the electronic invoice.

**Invoice counter:** A functionality of electronic invoice solutions and is generated automatically by the solutions.

## **QR code Structure**

#### Seller's name

- VAT registration number of the seller
- Time stamp of the e-invoice or credit/debit note (date and time)
- e-Invoice or credit/debit note amount (with VAT)
- VAT amount
- Hash of XML e-invoice or credit/debit note
- Cryptographic stamp
- Public key used to generate the cryptographic stamp
- ZATCA portal cryptographic stamp of the public key of the e-invoicing solution

#### Technology: Special fields details

#### Integration

- Internet Connectivity
- Invoice clearance
- Invoice reporting

#### **Invoice Generation**

- Invoice fields
- Invoice format
- Invoice storage

#### **Security & Integrity**

- QR code
- Cryptographic stamp
- Device Registration
- UUID
- Hash



# Here's what you have to do for each transaction:

- 1. Use a compliant e-invoicing system to generate the e-invoice with all the required fields.
- 2. Issue a copy to the buyer. By phase 2, you will need to push this invoice to ZATCA's portal and get it validated before you send it to the buyer.
- 3. Store the e-invoice in your system for future reference. Moving to a cloud-based solution that offers you e-invoicing features will make storage easier and ensure compliance automatically.



### E-Invoicing is now mandatory in Saudi Arabia.

Whether B2B, B2G, or B2C, all businesses must comply with the new regulations set by ZATCA.





### **E-Invoice Solution Features**

Legally compliant **Real-time validation** electronic of content verifying signatures the legal compliance Ready-to-deploy of sent and received connectors for a documents wide range of 100% ERPs Time complianc stamping of e with the documents ZATCA's stored in e-Archive



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