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GUIDE

How to get started with Verifactu in Fube



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> ‘Verifactu’ sounds like a new procedure you have to learn, paperwork with the Tax Agency and yet another thing to deal with. The good news is that **it isn't a procedure for you**: Verifactu is an obligation that falls on the invoicing *software*, not on you. Your part is to keep invoicing as always; the part about recording each invoice in a complete and unalterable way and reporting it to the tax authorities is handled by the program. This guide explains what Verifactu is without jargon, who it applies to and from when, and how Fube handles it **as standard** —so that you reach your compliance date without having to change anything about how you work.

Before you start

You don't need to prepare much to understand Verifactu, but it helps to be clear on three ideas:

- **Verifactu is complied with by the software, not by you.** It is an AEAT (the Tax Agency) system so that invoicing programs record each invoice in a **complete and unalterable** way —that is, so that an invoice already issued cannot be deleted or modified behind the scenes.
- **There are two legal modes.** The law allows you to *submit* each record to the AEAT in real time (the mode called Verifactu) or to *keep* the signed records without sending them. **Fube always submits**: you get the most transparent option, the one that leaves a direct record with the tax authorities.
- **It's included in every plan.** The Verifactu module comes enabled in every Fube plan, including the **free** one. It isn't an extra you have to pay for.

Step 1 — Understand who it applies to and from when

Verifactu doesn't apply to everyone at once. There are two dates from which it is mandatory to use invoicing software that complies with Verifactu:

- **Companies** (businesses that pay Corporation Tax): from **1 January 2027**.
- **All other business owners, professionals and self-employed workers**: from **1 July 2027**.

Those dates tell you from when the **law** requires you to invoice with compliant software. They don't tell you from when your software does it: if you invoice with Fube, submission to the AEAT works from your very first invoice, whether your date is imminent or not. And that works in your favour —you reach the deadline with the process already running smoothly, without overhauling the way you work overnight— but it's worth knowing before you start, not afterwards.

Step 2 — Learn how Fube complies as standard

Here is the central idea that saves you the headache: **Fube operates in Verifactu mode as standard**. Once it's active, you don't have to click anything invoice by invoice. Every time you issue an invoice, with the same action as always, Fube does three things for you:

- **It generates the chained hash.** Each invoice is recorded with a *hash* (a security code calculated from its content) that is **chained** to the hash of the previous invoice. Chaining means that no invoice in the history can be altered without breaking the chain — that is the guarantee of unalterability required by law.
- **It adds the QR code to the invoice.** The PDF includes a **tax QR code**, with the legend **'Factura verificable en la sede electrónica de la AEAT'** printed beneath it. Whoever receives the invoice can check it directly on the Spanish Tax Agency's website.
- **It sends the record to the AEAT in real time.** When you confirm issuing, Fube signs the invoice and reports it to the Tax Agency; this usually takes a few seconds. The **CSV** (Secure Verification Code) returned by the AEAT is stored in the **Verifactu log** within the dashboard and is also **printed on the invoice PDF**, in the footer, below the tax QR code.

You'll find full details of this whole flow on the Verifactu page and, specifically, of how each invoice is reported to the Tax Agency in sending to the AEAT.

Step 3 — Complete activation before issuing

The fact that Fube works in Verifactu mode as standard doesn't mean it is switched on without your permission: there is a **one-off initial activation** that you do only once, and it is **required to issue invoices** — until you complete it, you can prepare drafts but not issue them.

You'll find it under **Settings > Verifactu**, and you can also get there by clicking **Set up Veri*factu** in the notice shown while setup is pending, without losing anything you have in progress. It is a **two-step** wizard.

Step one: the details. You review your company's tax details — which Fube preloads from your settings — and, if you are a company, those of the **legal representative**. Read them carefully: once confirmed they cannot be changed free of charge, and correcting them afterwards has to go through support.

Step two: the power of attorney agreement. This is the document that authorises Fube to report your invoices to the AEAT on your behalf, and you sign it **on your own computer**:

1. Fube prepares the agreement with your details and signs it first. You don't need to download it.
2. Click **Sign with AutoFirma**. AutoFirma opens on your computer and you choose the certificate to sign with — DNIe, FNMT, representative certificate. You need to have it installed: if you don't, the screen itself links you to the download.
3. The signed PDF appears automatically in **Signed agreement**. Click **Activate Verifactu** and the status changes to **Active**: from then on, every invoice you issue is sent to the AEAT.

If you are signing on behalf of a company, use its representative certificate, the one that carries the company's CIF and is a legal representative certificate (at the FNMT, 'Representante de persona jurídica'). With a personal certificate — the DNIe always is one — or an employee certificate, the agreement remains **Under review**: they don't prove that you can represent the company, so we check it ourselves before activating it. The same happens if we don't recognise the certificate automatically. While it is under review you cannot issue invoices; once we approve it, the status changes to **Active** without you having to do anything else.

If you prefer another signing tool, any **PAdES**-compatible one will do — Adobe Acrobat, for example: click **Download** next to the agreement, sign it yourself and upload it to **Signed agreement**. It accepts **a single PDF** of up to 5 MB.

Two points worth being clear about:

- **Your digital certificate never leaves your computer.** You sign the agreement locally and only upload the already signed PDF to Fube. Fube neither receives nor stores your certificate or its password.

- **Activation is irreversible.** Once active, Verifactu applies to **all** the invoices with tax validity that you issue and cannot be deactivated. That is why it is best to do it once your company details have been reviewed.

Full details of the module are in **Verifactu settings**. From then on, 'as standard' makes complete sense: you don't touch anything again; every invoice is recorded and sent automatically.

Step 4 — Check what you see when issuing

When you issue an invoice, very little changes for you, but it's worth knowing where to look:

- **On the invoice PDF**: the QR code and the legend 'Factura verificable en la sede electrónica de la AEAT'.
- **In the Verifactu log** (**Sales > Verifactu**): each invoice appears with its AEAT reporting status and its CSV. If a submission is rejected, you'll see the reason there and what to correct; Fube retries and shows the status of each record, so you don't have to monitor it manually.

An invoice in **draft** does not generate a record: it is editable and nothing is sent to the AEAT. As soon as you issue it, its record is created, with one of these five statuses:

Status	What it means
Pending	It is in the submission queue; it has not yet been sent to the AEAT
Accepted	The AEAT has recorded it without objections
Accepted with errors	Recorded, but with warnings. Fube fixes it automatically
Rejected	The AEAT has not recorded it. The invoice needs correcting
Error	Processing or reporting failure. Fube retries

None of the last three requires you to keep an eye on it: what tells you whether you have work to do is the status of the **invoice**, which changes to **Needs review** when you need to step in. What to do in each case is explained in **Verifactu errors**.

If you have never issued an invoice in Fube, the guide to **creating your first invoice** takes you through the whole process; the Verifactu record takes care of itself in the background.

Step 5 — Learn to use the verifier

In addition to the AEAT QR code, every invoice you issue with Fube includes a **Fube verification code** printed on the PDF. It is Fube's own tool, separate from the AEAT system, but very useful day to day: whoever receives your invoice pastes that code into the **verifier** and instantly sees the original invoice exactly as you issued it, to compare it with the one they have.

Four things worth being clear about:

- **It's not just for invoices.** The verifier validates any document with a Fube code: standard and simplified invoices, corrective invoices for both, quotes, pro forma invoices, delivery notes and expenses. Eight types in total.
- **There are two code formats, and both are valid.** Standard invoices carry an identifier with hyphens (`a1b2c3d4-e5f6-…`); all other documents, a 26-character string without hyphens. Copy the whole code exactly as it appears on the PDF, with no spaces.
- **It checks Fube documents, not third-party ones.** It does not validate invoices from other software and does **not** scan the AEAT QR code — they are two separate checks that coexist and complement each other on every invoice.
- **You don't need a Fube account to use it**, and a successful verification shows the **full original PDF**, with the option to download it. That is why the code should only be shared with whoever needs to see the document.

And a warning that avoids unfair accusations: if the verifier can't find a document, that doesn't mean it is fake. A **cancelled** document is no longer served even if its code is correct, and the verifier is a public service with a limit on queries per hour and IP address, so checking many codes in a row starts returning overload errors. Before doubting an invoice, try again later.

You'll find full details on the verifier page.

Edge cases and common errors

Some situations worth anticipating:

- **You don't want to activate it yet**: with Fube, that isn't an option. You can get your account ready (company, series, products, customers and draft invoices), but to issue invoices you need to have completed activation, even if your compliance date (1 January or 1 July 2027, depending on whether you are a company or self-employed) is a long way off.
- **A submission to the AEAT is rejected**: nothing is lost and **you don't lose the number**. The record stays in the dashboard with the reason, and you correct it and resubmit it from the invoice itself.
- **A submission fails due to a communication error**: Fube retries automatically, up to **ten times**, spacing out the attempts if the AEAT service isn't responding. If they run out, it stops retrying and notifies you: by that point the cause is usually your company's tax details, not the Tax Agency.
- **You're looking for where to mark your series as 'Verifactu-compatible'**: there is no such setting or screen. Verifactu is activated **once per company** and applies to all invoices with tax validity, whatever their series.
- **You're confusing the AEAT QR code with the Fube verification code**: they are two different things. The QR code takes you to the AEAT e-office; the Fube verification code is pasted into the Fube verifier. Both are printed on the PDF.
- **You change your digital certificate later on**: the agreement is signed only once, during activation. A later change to your personal certificate doesn't require you to go through the wizard again, unless you need to sign an agreement again.

Frequently asked questions

Do I have to do anything on each invoice to comply with Verifactu? No. Once activated, Fube operates in Verifactu mode as standard: it generates the chained hash, adds the QR code and sends the record to the AEAT automatically, in the same issuing step as always. You invoice just as before.

Do I have to upload my digital certificate to Fube? No. During activation you sign the power of attorney agreement on your own computer with AutoFirma (or compatible signing software) and only upload the signed PDF to Fube. Your certificate never leaves your computer.

Does the AEAT CSV appear on the invoice PDF? Yes. The PDF footer includes the QR code, the legend ‘Invoice verifiable at the AEAT e-office’ and, below it, the CSV (Secure Verification Code) returned by the AEAT. That same CSV is also saved in the Verifactu record, in the dashboard.

Can the Fube verifier be used to validate any invoice? No: it checks documents issued **with Fube** using their Fube verification code, and the validation is done by Fube. That said, within Fube its scope is broad: invoices, simplified invoices, corrective invoices, delivery notes, quotes, pro forma invoices and expenses. It doesn't scan the AEAT QR code or validate documents from other software. Verifactu is the AEAT's system (QR code and CSV); when it is active, both checks coexist.

What happens in a tax inspection? With Verifactu, the AEAT already has the record of every invoice you have issued: it received it in real time, with its chained hash proving that the history has not been altered. You don't have to prepare or provide anything special; traceability is guaranteed by the system itself.

Is it included in my plan? Yes. The Verifactu module comes with all Fube plans, including the free one. It isn't an add-on you have to pay for.

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