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QuickAlerts - May 1, 2014

Subject: Revised Publication 1345 (pdf) now available

Publication 1345, *Handbook for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns*, has been revised and replaces the previous edition dated March 2009.

This PDF version is now available for download on IRS.gov, Keywords "Publication 1345".

This publication continues to address only the rules and requirements for participation in IRS e-file by Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers (Providers) filing Individual Income Tax Returns and related forms and schedules.

The Web version of Publication 1345 is also available on <u>IRS.gov</u>. This version allows us to make updates as they occur.

QuickAlerts - May 6, 2014

Subject: Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Maintenance Build

Modernized e-File (MeF) Production environment will be unavailable from 12:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Eastern on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Please refrain from sending any service requests during this time.

The build will deploy critical system updates.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

QuickAlerts - May 21, 2014

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Memorial Day Power Outage

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee will be unavailable from 9:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 23, to 6:00 a.m. Central Time on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, drains will not occur on Monday, May 26, 2014. When services are resumed, all processing will occur and acknowledgement files will be available based on the established drain schedule.

EMS will not be available due to a scheduled power outage over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts - May 30, 2014

Subject: Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return (Form 720) Business Rules and Major XML Schema versions TY2014Q2v2.0, TY2014Q3v2.0, and TY2014Q4v2.0

The following updated Schemas and Business Rules have posted to IRS.gov:

Schema Changes:

TY2014Q2v2.0

TY2014Q3v2.0

TY2014Q4v2.0

The above schemas include all tax forms for Form 720, Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return, and are posted to the Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) charts on the IRS.gov website.

All changes to the schemas can be found in the "Diff" files.

Business Rule Changes:

TY2014Q2v2.0

TY2014Q3v2.0

TY2014Q4v2.0

Business Rules are posted in two different formats that contain identical information - Adobe (.pdf), and Comma Separated File (.csv). A column within the file identifies changes made form the previous version to help clarify what changes were made.

Questions or comments may be directed to the e-help Desk at 1-866-255-0654.

QuickAlerts - May 30, 2014

Subject: Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) Business Rules and XML Schemas for Tax Years 2014v2.0, 2013v2.0 and 2012v2.0

The Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) Business Rules and XML Schemas for Tax Years 2014v2.0, 2013v2.0 and 2012v2.0 are posted on IRS.gov. The changes will be available in the Assurance Testing System (ATS) on June 2, 2014 and Production on July 1, 2014.

The test scenarios for TY2014 are posted to the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Updates page on IRS.gov. The test scenarios for previous tax years are located in Publication 4594, Modernized e-File (MeF) Test Package for Excise Tax Returns for each respective tax year.

The test Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) for TY2014 has changed from previous years. Refer to Publication 5078, Part 4, Section 4.4, "Exhibit 4 - Valid EINs" for use in the TY2014 test scenarios only.

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