

ACA Assurance Test System (AATS)

Release 6.2 Tax Year 2014/Processing Year 2015

Information Return Type: 1094-B/1095-B

- Submission Narrative 1 (Test Scenarios 1-0 through 1-2)
- Submission Narrative 2 (Test Scenarios 2-0 through 2-3)
- Submission Narrative 6 (Test Scenarios 6-0 through 6-2)

Information Return Type: 1094-C/1095-C

- Submission Narrative 3 (Test Scenarios 3-0 through 3-3)
- Submission Narrative 4 (Test Scenarios 4-0 through 4-4)
- Submission Narrative 5 (Test Scenarios 5-0 through 5-3)

Submission Requirements

- Each submission narrative contains all of the information to complete the required forms (test scenarios) that should be included in the submission and prepare the XML.
- It is essential that the Software Developers read the instructions carefully prior to preparing the submission. Code definitions for Offer of Coverage Codes and Safe Harbor Codes are defined in the instructions and are not provided in the narrative but must be included within your submission where appropriate.
- It is possible that the information returns used in the test scenarios may not include information on every line. While it may appear that a given test scenario is incomplete, the absence of data in a specific field may be intentional.
- Use only the data provided in the narrative and the form instructions to prepare the XML submission.
- A character- by-character comparison tool is used to determine if a submission passes or not. The submission will pass when it exactly matches the answer key for that submission based on a character- by-character comparison. This includes (leading, trailing, and embedded spaces; punctuation; and capitalization (case sensitive). The system will return a “match” or “no match” response for each data element based on the comparison results.
- If there is a period after a middle initial on a test scenario, include it. If not, do not include it.
- When a Test Scenario has “all 12 months”, use the ‘all 12 months field’. If months are named specifically, e.g., “for the months January through June (inclusive)”, put data in each of the 6 months for which it applies.
- All test scenarios within the submission must receive an exact match before the submission can be passed. All submissions for the forms supported by the software

must be passed and verified by a Help Desk Assistor before the TCC status changes from “T” (test) to “P” (production).

- The decision to not require Signatures for PY2015 was made after the test scenarios and character-by character comparison tool were developed. The submission narratives for each Information Return Type include signature information (the title of signer and date of signature) as required information. Please include these fields in preparing your XML.