

QuickAlerts Messages December 2023

QuickAlerts – December 20, 2023

Subject: Reminder - Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown

To prepare the system for the upcoming Filing Season for Tax Year 2023 and ensure that all Business Returns for the Tax Year 2022 e-filed through the MeF system are processed timely, the following Production shutdown and acknowledgment retrieval schedule has been established.

Business MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown for "Send Submissions" only is scheduled to begin at 11:59 a.m. (noon) Eastern time, Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Eastern time, Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

States can continue to use all the service requests necessary to retrieve and process state submissions in accordance with shutdown activities stated above. MeF recommends that states adjust their processing schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements.

Any acknowledgements not retrieved by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on December 26th cannot be accessed until MeF opens for production in January 2024.

Please note: MeF ATS (Assurance Testing System) will be operational during this cutover.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – December 28, 2023

Subject: Form 1040 Series updated business rules are available.

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-File Providers/EROs

Tax Year 2023 / Processing Year 2024 business rule updates

- Form 1040 Series 2023v5.0 updated.
- Use the 2023v5.0 with the SOR distribution date of 12/28/2023.

Note: This is a required update to Tax Year 2023 version 5.0 business rules. The schema with a release date of 12/01/2023 and a SOR distribution date of 12/07/2023 has been repackaged with updated rules for a comprehensive package. The schema change in Tax Year 2023 noted above is identified in this SOR distribution.

Previous Tax Year 2023 version 5.0 packages dated 11/16/2023 and 12/07/2023 should not be used.

Two new business rules included in this package, SA-F8936-030, SA-F8936-031, will not be available for ATS testing.

Software Developers and State organizations may download Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have:

- An active e-Services account
- An e-File application with the Software Developer or State provider option with the associated tax type of 1040, 2350, 4868, 56 or 9465

Please visit the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information about MeF Schemas and Business Rules.

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QuickAlerts – December 29, 2023

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schema and Business Rules are Available.

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs.

Tax Years 2021-2024 Processing Year 2024 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 940 Annual TY 2023v2.0
- Form 944 Annual TY 2023v2.0
- Form 945 Annual TY 2023v2.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Pages Only:

- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2024v1.0
- Form 1065 TY 2023v5.0
- Form 1120x TY 2023v5.0
- Form 2290 TY 2023v1.0
- Form 8849 TY 2024v1.0
- Form 7004 TY 2023v1.0

Prior Year Business Rules Change Pages Only:

- Form 940/940PR Annual TY 2021v2.0
- Form 943/943PR Annual TY 2021v2.0
- Form 944 Annual TY 2021v2.0
- Form 945 Annual TY 2021v2.0
- Form 940/940PR Annual TY 2022v2.0
- Form 943/943PR Annual TY 2022v2.0
- Form 944 Annual TY 2022v2.0
- Form 945 Annual TY 2022v2.0
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2022Q1v2.0
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2022Q2v3.0
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2022Q3v3.0
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2022Q4v3.0
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2023Q1v2.1
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2023Q2v2.1
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2023Q3v2.1
- Form 941/941SSPR Quarterly TY 2023Q4v2.1
- Form 1065 TY 2021v4.4
- Form 1065 TY 2022v4.2
- Form 1120x TY 2021v4.4
- Form 1120x TY 2022v5.3
- Form 2290 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 2290 TY 2022v2.0
- Form 8849 TY 2022v2.0
- Form 8849 TY 2023v1.1

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