QuickAlerts Messages February 2026

Subject: Form 1040 Series, Additional Business Rule Updates are available for Tax Year 2025

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

Tax Year 2025 / Processing Year 2026, Business Rule Change Pages Only

The following Form 1040 Series business rule updates are now available

- Form 1040 Series 2025 v5.1_Updates

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, and an associated tax type of 1040, 2350, 4868, 56, or 9465

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

You may have multiple messages in your e-Services mailbox. Please open all messages to locate the files you wish to download. Messages are purged after 60 days.

If you have the appropriate role and the files are not available for download within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) and include the following information: Company Name, ETIN, and the required schema package(s) with the applicable tax year.

Subject: Unauthorized Use of an EFIN

ATTN: Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

As a reminder, Authorized IRS e-file Providers are required to follow the safeguarding and unauthorized use policies set forth in [Publication 3112](#), IRS e-file Application and Participation, and [Publication 1345](#), Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns.

Providers must protect their EFINs from unauthorized use and never share them. Prohibited actions include:

- Accepting payment for the use of an EFIN or purchasing an EFIN from someone else. (e.g., renting/leasing/selling).
- Transferring EFINs to another entity when transferring the business by sale, gift or other disposition.
- Selling software for resale (re-branding, white label, etc.), the software developer must ensure that the original purchaser does not resell the software with the original purchasers EFIN.

Only the IRS has the authority to issue EFINs.

An Electronic Return Originator (ERO) may only initiate the electronic submission of returns that the ERO prepared or collected from a taxpayer or an Authorized IRS e-file Provider.

Software developers and transmitters should validate and request proof of ownership of the EFIN from the IRS e-file application.

QuickAlerts–February 19, 2026

Subject: Form 1040 Series Business Rules and Schema are available for Tax Year 2025

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

Tax Year 2025 / Processing Year 2026, Business Rules and Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2025 v5.2

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- An active e-Services account
- An e-File application with the Software Developer or State Provider option, and an 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.

You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 60 days the messages are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download within 48 hours, please contact MeF Mailbox with the Company Name, ETIN and schema package(s) with tax year needed.

QuickAlerts–February 19, 2026

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) A2A Schema and Business Rules are Available

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Tax Year 2025 IRIS Final Schema v1.2 and Business Rules v1.3 are available through the SOR mailbox. No change to TY2025 Intake and Status Schemas v1.2. Business Rules v1.3 changes from v1.2 are shown in the Status column.

Tax Year 2024 IRIS Schema v1.1 and Business Rules v1.4 are available through the SOR mailbox. No change to TY2024 Intake and Status Schemas v1.1 and Business Rules v1.4.

Tax Year 2023 IRIS Schema and Business Rules v1.5 are available through the SOR mailbox. No change to TY2023 Intake and Status schemas or Business Rules v1.5.

Tax Year 2022 IRIS Schema and Business Rules v1.3 are available through the SOR mailbox. No change to TY2022 Intake and Status schemas. Business Rules v1.3 changes from v1.2 are shown in the Status column.

The SDK folder includes the Java and .NET SDK packages.

Software Developers and State organizations may download IRIS Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have:

- An active e-Services account
- An IRIS TCC application with the status "Completed"
- An IRIS TCC status of "Active"
- An IRIS role of "Software Developer" or business structure of "State Government Agency," "Local Government Agency," or "Federal Government Agency"

Please visit the IRIS Schemas and Business Rules page on IRS.gov for more information about IRIS Schemas and Business Rules.

You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 60 days the messages are purged.

QuickAlerts–February 19, 2026

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

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

Tax Years 2025/2026 Processing Year 2026 Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 709   TY2025v2.1
- Form 709NA   TY2025v2.1
- Form 720 Q1-Q4   TY2026v4.0
- Form 94xX (Annual)   TY2025v4.1
- Form 990x   TY2025v4.1
- Form 990-T   TY2025v6.0
- Form 1041   TY2025v5.2
- Form 1065   TY2025v5.2
- Form 1120-POL   TY2025v4.2
- Form 1120x   TY2025v6.1

Current Year Business Rules Change Pages:

- Form 94xX (Annual)   TY2025v4.0
- Form 94xX (Annual)   TY2025v4.1

Note: If only minor changes occur, Software Developers are not required to use the new version. If the major number changes, all software must reflect the new version.

Please visit the Modernized e-file (MeF) Schemas and Business Rules page on IRS.gov for more information about Schemas and Business Rules.

Software Developers and State organizations may download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, the following are needed:

- Active e-Services account
- Listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 709, 709NA, 720, 94xX, 990-T, 990x, 1041, 1065, 1120-POL and 1120x. You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 60 days the messages are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts–February 26, 2026

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Please join us for an Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting. This call is intended for software developers, transmitters and state participants interested in the IRIS system.

The purpose of the call is to provide IRIS-related information that can better help users avoid filing errors, address known issues and workarounds, and provide important filing dates and deadlines. Please plan on attending the meeting.

[Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting](#)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Online event