QuickAlerts Messages May 2025

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Rule R0000-240.

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

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Update: Business Rule R0000-240 - Disabled as of April 28, 2025.

Action: Please re-transmit your Client's Form 94x tax returns.

Please use the following guidance to create a Business Name Control that is derived from the name on the Form 94x Tax Return:

ALERT:

IRS Modernized e-File (MeF) Stakeholders have expressed concern with the increased number of tax returns rejecting when the Business Name has special characters included.

Modernized e-File created a new Business Rule, R0000-240, to ensure that the Business Name, "BusinessNameLine1Type", and the Name Control, "BusinessNameControlType", from the tax return matches the IRS e-file database for the Employee ID number (EIN).

Our research found that Business Rule R0000-240 is working as intended and the rejects are valid.

Guidance:

Generally, the Name Control should be determined from the information specified on the first name line of the tax return. A Name Control is derived from the first four significant characters of the name including any special characters such as an Ampersand (&) and Hyphen (-).

Please ensure that your clients are aware that it is their responsibility to keep their legal business name updated with the IRS. If a change is required, the taxpayer may submit Form 8822-B or contact the IRS Business & Specialty Tax Line at 800-829-4933 for additional assistance.

Please refer to Publication 4164 exhibits for additional guidance on creating valid Business Name Controls. Starting on page 254, 13.1 Exhibit 1, titled Business Name Control and 13.4 Exhibit 4, titled Employment Tax Name Control.

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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 is needed:

- Active e-Services account
- Individual must be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State

- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 720, 94x, 990x, 990-T, 1041,1065, 1120x, 1120-POL, and 8849.

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–May 12, 2025

Subject: Transcript Delivery System (TDS) Modernization - Temporary HTML Reversion for Form 1040 Series Transcripts

Attention: Transcript Delivery System Users

As part of our ongoing modernization efforts, the Form 1040 series transcripts were recently upgraded to HTML 5.0. To give tax professionals more time to make any necessary software adjustments, the transcripts will temporarily revert back to HTML 4.0 from May 2, 2025, through May 24, 2025.

As more transcripts are moved from legacy to modernization, we will communicate the deployment dates to allow any programming changes that may be needed.

We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts–May 16, 2025
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 2024 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules Updates:

- Form 94x (Quarterly)   TY 2024v2.0

Prior Year Business Rules Updates (only):

- Form 94x (Amended Quarterly)   TY 2024v2.0

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.

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- 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 941 and 941-X.

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