

QuickAlerts Messages September 2026

QuickAlerts–September 01, 2026

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs) are available

WSDLs for Tax Year 2026 / Processing Year 2027 are now available.

The new WSDLs are scheduled to be installed in the MeF Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment in early Fall of 2026. They will be required for MeF Production for Processing Year 2027.

Please use "la.alt" URL (la.alt.www4) for the ATS environment, and "la" main URL (la.www4) for the Production environment.

The new WSDLs are available in the e-Services Secure Object Repository (SOR) mailbox located [here](#). To access the WSDLs, the following is needed:

- Active e-Services account
- Listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- Software Developers must have at least one associated tax type of 1040x, 1041, 1042, 1045x, 1065, 1120x, 1139, 2290, 2350, 4720, 4868, 5227, 5330, 56, 7004, 709, 720, 8038CP, 8849, 8868, 8892, 9465, 94x, 990x.

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 the WSDLs available for download within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name and ETIN.

QuickAlerts–September 01, 2026

Subject: Annual System Update for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS)

ATS Cutover September 28, 2026 – October 13, 2026

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Monday, September 28, 2026, 9:00AM Eastern time until Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 9:00AM Eastern time.

The ATS environment will be available for Tax Year 2026 testing starting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 9:01 a.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the testing system during this maintenance window.

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

Important Notes

- New R10.A WSDLs (Web Service Definition Language) will be installed in ATS. Software developers will need to use the new WSDLs to connect to MeF A2A (Application to Application) services. A QuickAlerts bulletin was issued on September 1, 2026, with details on the WSDLs.
- Use "la.alt" URL (la.alt.www4) for the ATS environment, and use "la" main URL (la.www4) for the Production environment.
- A new version of the A2A Toolkit will be released prior to the ATS startup. This release contains updated WSDLs and is a mandatory upgrade for all ATS users. All A2A Toolkit users will be notified by email with instructions on how to download and install the new version.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–September 03, 2026

Subject: MeF Forms 1120-L and 1120-PC for Tax Year 2025 are Not Available for Production Submissions

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

Form 1120-L, U.S. Life Insurance Company Income Tax Return and Form 1120-PC, U.S. Property and Casualty Insurance Company Income Tax Return are currently not available for Tax Year 2025 Production submissions. The IRS is in the process of making system updates for Tax Year 2025 Form 1120-L and Form 1120-PC returns. Please refrain from submitting any Form 1120-L or Form 1120-PC Tax Year 2025 returns in the Production environment until further notice. Assurance Testing System (ATS) remains available for test submissions.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlert when Form 1120-L and 1120-PC for Tax Year 2025 are available in the Production environment.

QuickAlerts–September 14, 2026

Subject: MeF Forms 1120-L and 1120-PC for Tax Year 2025 are Available for Production Submissions

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

Form 1120-L, U.S. Life Insurance Company Income Tax Return and Form 1120-PC, U.S. Property and Casualty Insurance Company Income Tax Return are available for Tax Year 2025 Production submissions.

Thank you for your patience.

QuickAlerts–September 14, 2026

Subject: Scheduled Maintenance for the Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) System

The scheduled maintenance window will begin on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time.

The AIR Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time until Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production or AATS environments via the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the maintenance period.

Please monitor the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page for any updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–September 14, 2026

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

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Tax Year 2026 IRIS Schema Release Number v1.1 and Business Rules v1.1 are available through the SOR mailbox.

The SDK folder includes 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”

Software Developers and State organizations will need to contact the Help Desk to obtain IRIS Schema and Business Rules for Tax Years 2017-2021.

Please visit the [IRIS Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information about IRIS Schemas and Business Rules.

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QuickAlerts–September 20, 2026

Subject: 60 Days Until FIRE System Retirement: Have You Transitioned to IRIS?

The Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) System retirement is approaching. With 60 days remaining, **FIRE System users should make sure they are ready to file through the Information Returns Intake System (IRIS).**

Visit [IRS.gov/iris](https://www.irs.gov/iris) to learn about IRIS and complete an IRIS Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC). A FIRE TCC does not eliminate the need to complete the IRIS application process to file through IRIS.

Beginning January 2027, IRIS will be the only IRS electronic filing system for information returns, including current-year returns, prior-year returns and corrections.

Three FIRE System deadlines are approaching:

November 1, 2026: Last day to file test information returns through the FIRE Trading Partner Test System.

November 9, 2026: Last day to make changes to Information Returns (IR) Applications for Transmitter Control Codes (TCCs). After this date, applications will become read-only and be retained for historical reference.

November 19, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET: Last day to file information returns through the FIRE system.

Take action now: Confirm your organization is prepared to use IRIS and complete any remaining transition steps well before the FIRE System deadlines.

QuickAlerts–September 23, 2026

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Window

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable in the MeF production and assurance testing systems on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 12:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–September 24, 2026

Subject: Form 1040 Series Business Rules and Schema, are available for Tax Year 2026.

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

Tax Year 2026/Processing Year 2027, Business Rules and Schema:

- Form 1040 2026v4.0
- Form 2350 2026v3.0
- Form 4868 2026v3.0
- Form 56 CUv25.0
- Form 9465 CUv30.0

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.

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–September 24, 2026

Subject: Form 1040 Series, Tax Year 2024 & 2025, Updated Schema is Available.

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

Tax Year 2024/Processing Year 2027 updated Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2024v5.6

Tax Year 2025/Processing Year 2027 updated Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2025v5.7

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- 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–September 23, 2026

Subject: Correction - New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schemas are Available.

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

Tax Year 2026/Processing Year 2027 Schemas are available.

Current Year Schemas (only):

- Form 1065 TY 2026v4.0 (correction to ReturnData1065.xsd)

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 is 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 Form 1065.

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