

Tax Year 2016 / Processing Year 2017
Instructions for Criteria-Based Test Scenarios

General Instructions

Criteria-based scenarios allow the issuer more flexibility in providing test data that is based on specific criteria identified in the submission narrative. Each scenario narrative has been designed to test the functionality of the business rules. The narrative will identify the lines that require data. Some of that data the filer will create on their own, such as names and addresses of ALEs and covered individuals. Other data is more specific and the narrative gives the filer the specific information to be submitted. The filer **MUST** provide data on all indicated lines whether required or optional in the schema.

Each scenario must have a status of “Accepted” in order to pass the ACA Assurance Test System (AATS) successfully. The number and type of scenarios that must be completed is determined by the role(s) that were listed in your ACA TCC Application. Refer to Publication 5164 for more details.

When every scenario that you are required to complete has an “Accepted” status, contact the Help Desk for a final review and changing your Transmitter Control Code (TCC) to production status.

When contacting the Help Desk you should have available your TCC, Software ID and a listing of all Receipt IDs that need review. **You can contact the Help Desk at 1-866-937-4130.** The Help Desk will assign you an incident number which should be referenced for all your TY2016 AATS Review contacts.

Test Scenarios required to pass TY2016 AATS for B Forms

Scenario 13: 13-0 1094-B, 13-1 1095-B & 13-2 1095-B

Scenario 14: 14-0 1094-B, 14-1 1095-B & 14-2 1095-B

Test Scenarios required to pass TY2016 AATS for C Forms

Scenario 9: 9-0 1094-C, 9-1 1095-C & 9-2 1095-C

Scenario 10: 10-0 1094-C, 10-1 1095-C & 10-2 1095-C

Scenario 11: 11-0 1094-C, 11-1 1095-C & 11-2 1095-C – Designated Government Entity

Additional C Form Test Scenarios required to pass TY2016 AATS for specific situations

Scenario 12:** 12-0 1094-C, 12-1 1095-C & 12-2 1095-C – Employer Offered Self-Insured Health Coverage

** A comment is required on the ACA TCC application on the software developer page in the comments section to exclude this scenario. See Publication 5164 for additional information.

Preparing your transmission

- Technical specifications for preparing your transmissions are available in Publication 5165.
- Test specifications for preparing each submission are provided in Publication 5164.
- Form instructions provide additional information on how to determine which offer of coverage codes and/or safe harbor codes may be applicable.
- Prepare each transmission using the Tax Year 2016 1094-B/1095-B or 1094-C/1095-C Forms and appropriate test data of your choice.
- In criteria based scenarios the filer will create ALE, employee and covered individual names and the corresponding TINs. You must use specific Name Control and TIN ranges as outlined below. More information on the use of TINs and Name Controls within the AATS Environment, are listed in Publication 5164.
- The four character name control in the chart below must be the name control element that is submitted in

the AATS environment for the elements '*BusinessNameControlTxt*' and '*PersonNameControlTxt*'.

- In criteria based scenarios the filer will create addresses, contact names and phone numbers. These do not need to match a specific range.

Example of a generic address: 1234 Any Street, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Example of a generic phone number: 555-111-2222

- Throughout the testing period, a Known Issues document will be updated on the ACA AATS webpage. It includes a description of any problems and workarounds until the issue can be corrected. This document should be checked periodically for updates.
- For technical assistance, direct your questions to the ACA AIR Mailbox at airmailbox@irs.gov. When contacting the ACA AIR Mailbox, please include any Receipt IDs, your TCC and Help Desk incident number if applicable. If you have manifest questions, please include the manifest xml in your email.

TIN and Name Control Ranges that can be used to create ALE and Employee names and EINs/SSNs. This table is also listed within Publication 5164.

EIN RANGE NAME CONTROL		Example of an ALE/Employer name	Example of an EIN	'BusinessNameControlTxt' to be included in xml
00-0000001 through 00-0000100	HELP	Help test Company	00-0000100	HELP
00-0000101 through 00-0000200	HIDE	Hid estone Company	00-0000200	HIDE
00-0000201 through 00-0000300	WORK	Work testwo Company	00-0000300	WORK
00-0000301 through 00-0000400	SELI	Seli testthree Company	00-0000400	SELI
00-0000401 through 00-0000500	GAMM	Gamm testfour Company	00-0000500	GAMM
00-0000501 through 00-0000600	DARR	Darr testfive Company	00-0000600	DARR
00-0000601 through 00-0000700	PARK	Park testsix Company	00-0000700	PARK
00-0000701 through 00-0000800	CARR	Carr testseven Company	00-0000800	CARR
00-0000801 through 00-0000900	PATT	Patt testeightCompany	00-0000900	PATT
00-0000901 through 00-0001000	SACR	Sacro testnine Company	00-0001000	SACR
SSN RANGE NAME CONTROL		Example of an employee or covered individual name	Example of an SSN	'PersonNameControlTxt' to be included in xml
000-00-0001 through 000-00-0100	HERR	Teresa Herron	000-00-0010	HERR
000-00-0101 through 000-00-0200	MART	Kenneth Martin	000-00-0120	MART
000-00-0201 through 000-00-0300	WILL	Teresa Willow	000-00-0230	WILL
000-00-0301 through 000-00-0400	SOUT	Erika Southern	000-00-0340	SOUT
000-00-0401 through 000-00-0500	GAVI	Debbie Gaviston	000-00-0450	GAVI
000-00-0501 through 000-00-0600	DAVI	Greg Davidson	000-00-0560	DAVI
000-00-0601 through 000-00-0700	NICH	Larry Nichon	000-00-0670	NICH
000-00-0701 through 000-00-0800	CAME	Jamie Camel	000-00-0780	CAME
000-00-0801 through 000-00-0900	JONE	Arthur Jones	000-00-0890	JONE
000-00-0901 through 000-00-1000	SCOT	Wanda Scott	000-00-0910	SCOT