

Tax Year 2017 / Processing Year 2018
Instructions for Criteria-Based Test Scenarios

General Instructions

Criteria-Based Scenarios allow the filer 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 data the filer will create on their own, such as names and addresses of ALEs or 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.

Submit each scenario as an original transmission until you receive an “Accepted” status. ***This procedure is followed in the AATS Environment only.*** In the Production Environment, if you receive a status other than “Accepted” you must file correction or replacement transmission. The optional correction scenarios are available to test the correction process in the AATS Environment.

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

When every scenario required to be completed has an “Accepted” status, contact the Help Desk for a final review and promotion of your Transmitter Control Code (TCC) and/or Form Indicator to Production (“P”) status.

When contacting the Help Desk have ready: a list of all ReceiptIds for review, TCC, SoftwareId and contact information including email address.

You can contact the Help Desk at 1-866-937-4130. The Help Desk will assign an incident number which should be referenced for all your TY2017 AATS Review contacts.

Test Scenarios required to pass TY2017 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 TY2017 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 TY2017 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 Application for TCC on the software developer page in the comments section to exclude this scenario. See Publication 5164 for additional information.

Current and Prior Year Filing Instructions

On November 1, 2017, TY2016 ACA Forms will be considered a prior year return in the AATS environment.

When the Production environment opens in January 2018, TY2016 ACA Forms will be considered a prior year return in the Production environment.

Schema Type	Schema Version
WSDL	Always use the latest version when filing either current or prior years TY2017/PY2018
Manifest	Always use the latest version when filing either current or prior years TY2017/PY2018
1094/1095-B Payload	Use the version of the schema for the tax year being submitted
1094/1095-C Payload	Use the version of the schema for the tax year being submitted
Element Name	Value
SoftwareId	Use the SoftwareId for the tax year being submitted
PriorYearDataInd	If filing a prior year include a value of "1"
PaymentYr	Value should be the tax year being submitted & match the payload schema and SoftwareId used

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 2017 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. 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 shown in both the chart below and Publication 5164 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 and will include a description of any defect, status and workarounds until the issue can be resolved. This document should be checked periodically for updates and solutions.
- For technical assistance direct your questions to the ACA AIR Mailbox at airmailbox@irs.gov. When contacting the ACA AIR Mailbox, please include any ReceiptIds, TCC and Help Desk incident number if applicable. If your submission has been rejected, please include the xml. 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	Sacr 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