

QuickAlerts Messages August 2015

QuickAlerts – August 3, 2015

Subject: Unscheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Build

Modernized e-File (MeF) and Assurance Testing Systems will be conducting maintenance on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 12:01 a.m. to 6:59 a.m. and Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 12:01 a.m. to 7:59 a.m. Eastern.

Please refrain from accessing both these systems to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests during this timeframe as you may experience system errors during this maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience in this matter.

QuickAlerts – August 4, 2015

Subject: Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems (ATS) will be unavailable on Saturday, August 8, 2015 and again on Saturday, September 19, 2015. The IRS will be conducting system maintenance on these two Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production and ATS Systems to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – August 6, 2015

Subject: Updated Information Available on the AIR Program Page

An updated revision of Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR)*, has been posted to the [AIR Program](#) page.

QuickAlerts – August 18, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on August 25, 2015

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) is **Tuesday, August 25, 2015 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time**. A call in number will be provided at a later date.

There is no webinar link or presentation material available at this time. Please check back later for updates prior to the meeting. This virtual session will address commonly asked technical questions about AIR.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers

QuickAlerts – August 19, 2015

Subject: Is it Time to verify your e-file Application Information?

As you are transitioning into the next filing season, remember to take time to review your e-file application information through [e-services](#). Your e-file application information should be updated within 30 days of any changes, such as individuals involved, addresses or telephone numbers. Failure to do so may result in the inactivation of your EFIN.

Your application should only include individuals as Principals who are authorized to act for the entity in legal and/or tax matters. For example:

- Sole Proprietor is the Principal
- Partnership should list each partner who has 5% or more interest in the partnership
- Corporation should list the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Your application should also include a Responsible Official. A Responsible Official is an individual with authority over the Provider's IRS *e-file* operation at a location, is the first point of contact with the IRS and has authority to sign revised IRS *e-file* applications. The Responsible Official may oversee IRS *e-file* operations at one or more offices, but must be able to fulfill identified responsibilities for each of the offices. If one individual cannot fulfill these responsibilities, add Responsible Officials to the e-file application.

Note: Only individuals involved in the operation of the business can be on the e file application.

For more information see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Publication 3112](#).

QuickAlerts – August 20, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting on August 25, 2015

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) is:

Tuesday, August 25, 2015
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Dial-in: 1-888-621-9649
Event ID: 421196

You must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link:

[Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email will be sent within 24 hours of registration.

Please join us for an upcoming virtual session to discuss commonly asked technical questions about the AIR program. At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a live question and answer period with IRS presenters.

You may use your computer speakers to listen to the webinar or use the teleconference number provided above. To avoid background noise, please do not use both the computer speakers and the teleconference number.

The presentation materials for this meeting will be posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page prior to the meeting. An additional QuickAlerts message will be issued when the presentation is posted.

NOTE: The intended audiences of these meetings are Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers/Payers.

QuickAlerts – August 20, 2015

Subject: The AIR Tax Year 2014 Schemas are updated

The Tax Year 2014, [2014V3.0](#), Schemas have been updated to include the Transmission Data Files for UI transmitters.

If you have any additional questions, please send them to the [AIR Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts – August 25, 2015

Subject: Updated AIR Submission Composition and Reference Guide

An updated version of the AIR Submission Composition and Reference Guide has been posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page.

QuickAlerts – August 25, 2015

Subject: Update for ACA Information Returns (AIR) August 25, 2015 Working Group Meeting

The August 25, 2015 Working Group Meeting (webinar) presentation material has been posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page.

The webinar is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. As a reminder, you must register to attend the webinar. Participants should register for the webinar no later than 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the day of the event. To register for this event, use the following link: [Webinar Registration](#)

If clicking the above link does not work, please copy the entire link and paste it into your web browser. A confirmation email is sent within 24 hours of registration.

You may join the associated teleconference 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

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QuickAlerts – August 26, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Posting Schemas, Business Rules and Error Codes Tax Year 2015v1.0

Schemas, Business Rules and Error Codes for Tax Year 2015 have been posted on IRS.gov for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

QuickAlerts – August 26, 2015

Subject: Modernized e-File Production Acknowledgement Delays

IRS will be conducting system maintenance on the MeF platform prior to our regular Sunday build window. This maintenance will begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern on Saturday, August 29, 2015, and will only affect Individual Tax Returns (IMF) submissions sent to our Production system. MeF will be accepting submissions during this time; however, acknowledgements for IMF returns will be delayed until after the regular build is complete on Sunday morning.

Our regular Sunday build window will take place as scheduled.

We thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – August 27, 2015

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Power Outage for Labor Day Weekend

All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Standard Time

IRS will conduct its annual Labor Day power outage beginning Saturday, September 5, 2015, starting at 10:00 p.m. and ending Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:00 a.m. The Modernized E-File Systems (both Production and ATS) will not be operational during this timeframe. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems to transmit business/individual/state tax returns, retrieve acknowledgements or submit any other service requests.

Monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for any updates.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.
