

QuickAlerts Messages September 2015

QuickAlerts – September 2, 2015

Subject: e-services unavailable - Labor Day Weekend

All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Standard Time.

IRS will conduct its annual Labor Day maintenance outage beginning Saturday, September 5, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. and ending Monday, September 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. The Transcript Delivery System (TDS), TIN Matching, e-file Application and Registration will not be operational during this timeframe.

Please refrain from accessing e-services to conduct business during this period.

Check the e-services login page for any further updates. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – September 2, 2015

Subject: ETIN Retrieval Errors

The Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems are experiencing an issue with ETIN Retrieval errors, starting around 4:00 p.m., Eastern. The IRS is working to resolve the problem as a top priority.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems to transmit submissions, get acknowledgements, retrieve state submissions, send state acknowledgements or submit any other service requests until further notice.

Please monitor the [MeF Status Page](#) for updates.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when the MeF System is operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts – September 2, 2015

Subject: Update – Resolution of ETIN Retrieval Errors

The IRS successfully resolved the ETIN Retrieval errors impacting the Modernized e-File Production and Assurance Testing Systems.

Please resume transmitting submissions, transmitting other service requests, and retrieving acknowledgements.

We thank you for your patience and support.

QuickAlerts – September 3, 2015

Subject: E-services Labor Day maintenance time correction

IRS' annual Labor Day maintenance outage time frame now begins Friday, September 4, 2015, at 9:00 p.m. ending Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 5:00 a.m. The Transcript Delivery System (TDS), TIN Matching, e-file Application and Registration will not be operational during this timeframe.

Please plan to conduct all business through e-services ahead of this outage period.

QuickAlerts – September 9, 2015

Subject: Instructions for Completing Form 8453 and Form 8879

In preparation for the end of year filing and the upcoming 2016 Filing Season, the IRS reminds tax professionals to review the instructions for completing the Form 8453 and Form 8879.

See [Publication 4163](#) Section 3.6.3 for instructions on scanning the Forms 8453. See [Publication 4164](#) for specific information on the use of Form 8453 as a transmittal document for Form 1040 only.

You should not mail any version of the Form 8879 to the IRS.

QuickAlerts – September 14, 2015

Subject: AIR Automated Enrollment for ACA Providers Externals Guide

An updated version of the AIR Automated Enrollment for ACA Providers Externals Guide is available on IRS.gov on the [Affordable Care Act Information Returns \(AIR\) Program page](#).

This guide should be used by authorized contacts that must use Automated Enrollment to enroll and maintain their application to application (A2A) Client Application Systems (ASIDs). The A2A communication channel uses the ASID and the user's X509 certificate to authenticate and authorize access to the A2A services.

Users that transmit through the User Interface (UI) channel do not need to perform these steps

QuickAlerts – September 16, 2015

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting: September 29, 2015

The next ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting (webinar) will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Conference Number: 1-888-621-9649 or 1-617-231-2734

Event ID: 421428

The webinar registration link and presentation material will be provided at a later date. The AIR Working Group meeting information can be found on the [Affordable Care Act Information Returns \(AIR\) Overview page](#) on IRS.gov.

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Updated Information:

[Webinar Link \(including registration\)](#)

Webinar Topic: This session will focus on the authoritative transmittal for an ALE (Form 1094-C), an overview of the ACA Information Returns transmission, and a general discussion on the XML Indicator Standardization.

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QuickAlerts – September 16, 2015

Subject: Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

Attention: The MeF Maintenance originally scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 has been delayed until Saturday, September 26, 2015.

IRS will be conducting system maintenance 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 – September 17, 2015

Subject: MeF Schemas and Rules for Tax Years 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and States updated Schemas and Business Rules for Tax Years 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016.

MeF programs have posted updated schemas and business rules versions for the following Forms and Tax Years:

Tax Year 2016

- 941x (Quarterly) - 2016v1.0 (updated pkg)
- 94x Online Filer PIN Registration - CUv1.0
- 720 - Q1v1.1
- 8849 - 2016v1.1

Tax Year 2015

- 1040 - 2015v2.0
- 1120 - 2015v2.0
- 1065 - 2015v2.0
- 1041 - 2015v2.0
- 94x (Annual) - 2015v1.0 (updated pkg)
- 94x Online Filer PIN Registration - CUv1.0
- 2290 - 2015v4.2
- 720 - Q1v3.3
- 720 - Q2v2.4
- 720 - Q3v2.4
- 720 - Q4v2.4
- 990x - 2015v2.0
- 1120-POL - 2015v2.0

Tax Year 2014

- 941x (Quarterly) - 2014v4.0
- 990x - 2014v6.0

Tax Year 2013

- 94x (Annual) - 2013v7.0
- 941x (Quarterly) - 2013v7.0

Refer to the version's release memo for a description of the updates and to determine when the schemas and business rules will be operational in the MeF ATS and/or Production environments.

*** Note: The schemas and business rules versions for Forms 4868, 56, 2350, & 9465 have not changed but revised Release Memos for Forms 4868, 56, 2350, & 9465 were posted on 9-11-2015.**

We are currently making updates to the schemas and rules for Processing Year 2016 changes. Updated versions will be posted as they become available. If issues exist with any schemas or business rules, they will be documented in the known issues list and made available on IRS.gov.

MeF schemas and business rules can be obtained via the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov.

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

QuickAlerts – September 24, 2015

Subject: Updated AIR Submission Composition and Reference Guide

An updated version of the AIR Submission Composition and Reference Guide is available on IRS.gov on the [Affordable Care Act Information Returns \(AIR\) Program page](#). This Guide includes information on the:

- electronic composition of Forms 1094B/C and 1095B/C
- transmission of forms through the ACA Information Returns (AIR) platform

XML format, including samples

QuickAlerts – September 25, 2015

Subject: Update to Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

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Please note the time change for the scheduled maintenance beginning on Saturday, September 26, 2015

IRS will be conducting system maintenance from **7:00 a.m., Saturday, September 26, 2015, until 7:00 a.m., Sunday, September 27, 2015.**

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 – September 27, 2015

Subject: Update to Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

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Please note the time change for the scheduled maintenance beginning on Saturday, September 26, 2015

The system maintenance has not completed yet. The IRS will send an updated QuickAlerts message when MeF is available.

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 – September 27, 2015

Subject: Update to Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance

The Modernized e-File Production System is now available.

We apologize for any inconvenience this outage may have caused you.

QuickAlerts – September 28, 2015

Subject: Update to ACA Information Returns (AIR) Working Group Meeting: September 29, 2015

The September 29, 2015 Working Group Meeting (webinar) Presentation Materials) have been posted to the [AIR Program Overview](#) page.

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time
Conference Number: 1-888-621-9649
Event ID: 421428

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 Link** ([including registration](#)).

Webinar Topic: This session will focus on the authoritative transmittal for an ALE (Form 1094-C), an overview of the ACA Information Returns transmission and a general discussion on the XML Indicator Standardization.

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