

QuickAlerts Messages August 2021

QuickAlerts – August 19, 2021

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

The AIR Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 8:00 a.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.

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Subject: Last Day to Submit Form 4419, Application for Transmitter Control Code for Filing Information Returns Electronically

Act now if you need a Transmitter Control Code (TCC) to complete your tax year 2020 information return filings. September 10, 2021, is the last day Form 4419, Application for Transmitter Control Code for Filing Information Returns Electronically will be accepted via the Fill-in Form 4419 on the FIRE Production System. The next opportunity you will have to apply for a TCC will be on September 26, 2021, when the new online Information Returns Application for TCC will be available.

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Subject: Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) Login and Trading Partner Test System

Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) Users

Beginning September 15, 2021, the FIRE System Production Login will require additional information. The current login requires your FIRE Account User ID and Password. Beginning September 15, 2021, you will be required to enter your Transmitter Control Code (TCC), EIN and legal business name as it exists in the FIRE System. The spelling, and abbreviations used to login will require an exact match with the information in the FIRE System.

The information used at login will now pre-populate for you during the file submission process, you will no longer have to enter the information above for each submission.

Before September 15, 2021, we recommend you take the following actions to ensure you have the correct spelling on the business name:

- Login to the Production FIRE System
- Go to Main Menu
- Select Send Information Returns
- Follow prompts
- Print and Save a copy of the Send Information Return screen

You can also contact the Responsible Official who submitted Form 4419, Application for TCC to File Information Returns Electronically (FIRE), for the business, and request they provide the exact business legal name that was used on the application.

To further assist with this transition, the FIRE Trading Partner Test System has been updated to reflect the changes discussed above. You are encouraged to try out the new login and test your transmissions.

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Subject: New Form 1040 Series Business Rules and Schemas are Available

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

Tax Year 2021/Processing Year 2022 Business Rules and Schemas are available.

Business Rules and Schemas:

- 1040 Series 2021v3.0

Change Pages Only:

- Form 2350 2021v1.0
- Form 4868 2021v1.0
- Form 56 CUv21.0
- Form 9465 CUv24.0

Please visit the [Modernized e-file \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information.
