

## QuickAlerts Messages August 2022

### QuickAlerts – August 4, 2022

**Subject:** Update – Combined Federal State Filing Program (CF/SF) and Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) Effective September 25, 2022

ATTN: Payroll Industry, Tax Professionals, Small Business and Self Employed, Tax Exempt and Government Entities, Financial Institutions

Effective September 25, if you would like to voluntarily participate in the CF/SF program, you will need to complete the new on-line Information Return (IR) Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC), and follow the testing procedures outlined in [Publication 1220](#), Specifications for Electronic Filing of Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, and W-2G. If you are an existing FIRE System customer, your TCC(s) will automatically be added to your IR Application for TCC if you complete your application by August 1, 2023.

If you are already approved to participate in the CF/SF program, no action is needed.

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### QuickAlerts – August 9, 2022

**Subject: Migration of e-Services Sign-In for Modernized e-File (MeF) Applications**

#### **New Sign-In Options**

The IRS recently transitioned all e-Services tools to a new sign-in system that requires new users to register or sign in with ID.me, the current IRS credential service provider.

Existing users don't need to take any action at this time. E-Services users with an active IRS username may continue to sign in with their existing username and password.

**The following MeF applications are impacted:**

- MeF e-File Application

- MeF Automated Enrollment (AE)
- MeF Internet Filing Application (IFA)

Users without an active IRS account, or an existing ID.me account, will need to register with ID.me to access MeF online applications.

The information within the applications will not change. For example, you will not need a new certificate, EFIN, etc.

ID.me account holders can use their credentials across multiple IRS tools and at other government agencies.

For questions and assistance regarding ID.me, please visit [Verifying for the Internal Revenue Service – ID.me Help Site](#).

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## QuickAlerts – August 18, 2022

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) Extended Maintenance Window

All services except "SendSubmissions" will not be available for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 12:01 am. until 10:00 am. Eastern time.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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## QuickAlerts – August 19, 2022

**Subject:** Reminder of Paper Fingerprint Card Cut-off Date for the e-file Application

**ATTN: Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs**

Beginning September 25, the IRS will implement a new electronic fingerprinting process for e-file applicants. Individuals will be required to use the IRS authorized vendor for fingerprinting. Each new Principal and Responsible Official

listed on a new e-file application or added to an existing application needing fingerprints, must schedule an appointment with the IRS authorized vendor.

As a reminder, the IRS will not process paper fingerprint cards (Form FD-258) postmarked after August 15.

Fingerprint cards postmarked after August 15 will be returned and customers will need to wait until September 25 to schedule an electronic fingerprinting appointment through the e-file Application.

Instructions for scheduling an appointment will be provided upon submitting an e-file application and on IRS.gov. Please continue to check the [Become an Authorized e-file Provider](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.

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## QuickAlerts – August 19, 2022

**Subject:** Posting ACA Information Returns (AIR) Schema and Business Rules Tax Year 2022v1.0 and ACA Assurance Test System (AATS) Scenarios

**Attention:** Software Developers and Return Transmitters

Version 1.0 of AIR schema and business rules for Tax Year 2022 are posted on irs.gov: Tax Year 2022 AIR Schema and Business Rules for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

AATS scenarios for Tax Year 2022 are posted to irs.gov: [AATS TY2022](#)

If you have any questions, please send them to the [airmailbox@irs.gov](mailto:airmailbox@irs.gov)

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## QuickAlerts – August 25, 2022

**Subject:** Distribution of Modernized e-File (MeF) New Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs)

WSDLs for Tax Year 2022 / Processing Year 2023 are now available.

The new WSDLs are scheduled to be installed in the MeF Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment in early Fall of 2022. They will be required for MeF Production for Processing Year 2023.

Please use "la.alt" URL (la.alt.www4) for the ATS environment, and "la" main URL (la.www4) for the Production environment.

To receive the new WSDLs, send an email to the [MeF Mailbox](#). The email request must include your company name and ETIN. The requestor must be listed on the e-Services application to receive the WSDLs.

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## QuickAlerts – August 29, 2022

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Production Environment

The AIR Production and AATS environments for the User Interface (UI) and Application to Application (A2A) channels will be unavailable on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production and AATS environments via the UI or A2A channels during the maintenance window.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

