

QuickAlerts Messages February 2018

QuickAlerts – February 8, 2018

Subject: Extended Maintenance Window for both MeF ATS and Production Environments

The MeF maintenance build window is being extended on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Both ATS and Production systems will be unavailable from 12:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Eastern. The build will deploy critical system updates.

Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Systems during this period.

QuickAlerts – February 15, 2018

Subject: New Schemas and Business Rules Available

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

The following schemas and business rules updates related to disaster and other recent tax law changes are available (schema changes related to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 are not included):

- 1040 Series TY2017v6.2
- 9465 CUv17.0
- 56 CUv16.0
- 1041 TY2017v3.1
- 1041 TY2017v3.2
- 1065x TY2017v5.1
- 1120POL TY2017v1.1 Business Rule Updates
- 1120x TY2017v6.1
- 2290 TY2017v1.1 Business Rule Updates
- 720 TY2018Q1v1.2
- 720 TY2018Q2v1.2
- 720 TY2018Q3v1.2
- 720 TY2018Q4v1.2
- 8849 TY2018v1.0 Business Rule Updates
- 8868 TY2017v1.1 Business Rule Updates
- 94x TY2016 Business Rule Updates
- 94x TY2017 Business Rule Updates
- 94x TY2018 Business Rule Updates
- 990N TY2017v1.1 Business Rule Updates
- 990X TY2017v2.3

Notes: The following forms had no changes:

- 2350 TY2017v3.0
- 4868 TY2017v3.0
- 7004 TY2017 v2.0

Please check IRS.gov for ATS and Production Availability. You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages will be purged after 30 days. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts – February 16, 2018

Subject: MeF Business Rules Updates

The IRS is working on the changes necessitated by the recent Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The first release of business rule changes to incorporate the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 are available for Software Developers and State Organizations on the [MeF Operational Status site](#). All business rule updates listed at this time on the MeF Operational Status Site supersede any previous Schema/Business rules updates sent out through the e-Services mailbox.

Please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with any questions you might have.

QuickAlerts – February 21, 2018

Subject: Inappropriate referrals to the IRS e-help Desk are causing longer hold times

Each filing season, the e-help Desk receives phone calls from taxpayers because their tax preparer referred them for assistance resolving rejected returns, tax law and tax account matters. This increases the taxpayer's burden and causes lengthier delays for everyone. The e-help desk cannot help these callers and must direct them to other sources for assistance – typically IRS.gov including [Publication 5136](#), IRS Services Guide.

The EPSS e-help Desk is intended specifically to assist tax professionals (Enrolled Agents, Reporting Agents, Electronic Return Originators, Certified Public Accountants, etc.) with non-account related questions and issues concerning e-products. They do not provide support to individual taxpayers experiencing e-filing issues.

QuickAlerts – February 22, 2018

Subject: Business Rule Changes Available

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download Business Rules Changes from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

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IMF Business Rule Changes Available:

- 1040 Series TY2017v6.1 Complete Business Rule Packages are Available

Tax Year 2017 / Processing Year 2018, Version 6.1, 1040 Series, business rule packages were made operational in Production and ATS on February 18, 2018, as a result of some provisions outlined in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

MeF is providing complete IMF Business Rules Packages versus Change Pages due to the volume of changes resulting from some of the provisions outlined in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. Please utilize the .csv extracts to identify the changes.

BMF Business Rule Change Pages Available:

- 1041 TY2017v3.1 Business Rules Change page
 - 1041 TY2017v3.2 Business Rules Change page
 - 1065x TY2017v5.0 Business Rules Change page
 - 1065x TY2017v5.1 Business Rules Change page
 - 1120x TY2017v6.0 Business Rules Change page
 - 1120x TY2017v6.1 Business Rules Change page
 - 720 TY2017vQ1v1.3 Business Rules Change page
 - 720 TY2017vQ2-Q4v1.4 Business Rules Change page
 - 720 TY2018Q1-Q4v1.2 Business Rules Change page
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QuickAlerts – February 28, 2018

Subject: MeF IMF Business Rules Change Pages Available for Download

Software Developers and State organizations may access and download Business Rules Changes from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have an active e-Services account and be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State. Your role must be Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities. Please check IRS.gov for ATS and Production Availability. You may have more than one message in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. Messages will be purged after 30 days. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

IMF Business Rule Changes Available:

- Tax Year 2017 / Processing Year 2018, Version 6.1, business rules Change Pages for Tax Types 1040 and 1040NR only

Tax Year 2017 / Processing Year 2018, Version 6.1, 1040 Series, business rule packages were made operational in Production and ATS on February 25, 2018.
