

QuickAlerts Messages February 2021

QuickAlerts – February 2, 2021

Subject: Update for Tax Year 2020 Form 1040-NR

Tax Year 2020 Form 1040-NR will be available on February 12, 2021, for use with Tax Year 2020 Form 1040 Series Schema version 2020v5.0.

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. A Software Developer provider option with an associated tax type of 1040 may access the files.

Please refer to [Known Issues and Solutions](#) for details.

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

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QuickAlerts – February 9, 2021

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Form 1040 Series Schemas and Business Rules are Available

Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Schemas and Business Rules:

- **1040 Series 2020v5.1**

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QuickAlerts – February 11, 2021

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schemas and Business Rules are Available

Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 720 Q1-Q4 TY2021v3.1
- Form 990T TY2020v1.1
- Form 990x (990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) TY2020v1
- Form 1041 TY2020v3.1
- Form 1065 TY2020v5.1
- Form 1120 TY2020v5.1
- Form 1120-POL TY2020v4.1
- Form 4720 TY2020v1.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 94x Annual TY2020v2.0

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QuickAlerts – February 12, 2021

Subject: Reminder to review and update your IRS e-file Application

Reminder: Review your IRS e-file Application to ensure that the information on the application is current.

The IRS can inactivate your Authorized IRS e-file Provider status if we receive undeliverable mail or are unable to contact you. [Publication 3112, IRS e-file Application and Participation](#) states that you must revise your e-file application within 30 days of any change.

Update your application with new information such as:

- Principals
- Responsible Officials
- Personal Credential
- Address
- Phone numbers

- [URL information](#)

Updates may require that you submit the application indicated by the “Application Status” of “Resubmission Required” on the summary screen.

Providers must review and update their IRS e-file application information electronically via [e-services](#).

QuickAlerts – February 16, 2021

Subject: Unauthorized Use of an EFIN

Once you become an Authorized IRS e-file Provider and receive your Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN), you must abide by the policies and procedures in [Publication 3112](#), IRS e-file Application and Participation, and [Publication 1345](#), Handbook for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns.

Providers must protect their EFINs and passwords from unauthorized use and never share them. This includes accepting payment for the use of an EFIN (e.g. renting/leasing/purchasing) and/or transferring EFINs to another entity when transferring the business by sale, gift or other disposition. In addition, when you resell software you cannot include the EFIN.

An ERO (Electronic Return Originator) must originate the electronic submission of only returns that the ERO either prepared or collected from a taxpayer.

QuickAlerts – February 21, 2021

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) is Unavailable Due to an Extended Maintenance Window

MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) are currently unavailable due to an extended maintenance window. The MeF systems will be available at 1:00 p.m. Eastern.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Status Update

The extended maintenance window for the MeF Production and ATS system has ended. MeF production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) is available.

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

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QuickAlerts – February 22, 2021

Subject: Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) System Extended Maintenance Window

The AIR Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments will be unavailable due to extended maintenance from 12:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

Please don't attempt to access the AIR Production and AATS environments via the 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.

QuickAlerts – February 22, 2021

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Form 94x Quarterly Schemas and Business Rules are Available

Tax Year 2021/Processing Year 2021 Schema and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schema and Business Rules:

- Form 94x Quarterly TY2021v2.1

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