

QuickAlerts Messages July 2021

QuickAlerts – July 5, 2021

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Unscheduled Maintenance Window

MeF Production and Testing Systems are unavailable due to an unscheduled maintenance window. A QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued when the systems are available.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – July 5, 2021

Subject: Technical Modernized e-File (MeF) Unscheduled Maintenance Window is Complete. The unscheduled maintenance of the MeF Production and Testing System is complete.

MeF Production and Testing Systems are now available.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – July 19, 2021

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Unscheduled Maintenance Window

MeF Production and Testing Systems are unavailable due to an unscheduled maintenance window. A QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued when the systems are available.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance.

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QuickAlerts – July 20, 2021

Subject: Technical Modernized e-File (MeF) Unscheduled Maintenance Window is Complete. The unscheduled maintenance of the MeF Production and Testing System is complete.

MeF Production and Testing Systems are now available.

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QuickAlerts – July 21, 2021

Subject: MeF Form 94x Second Quarter Filing Tax Year 2021

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

In the second quarter, the Employee Retention Credit is not available solely because a business is a recovery start up business. Therefore, Checkbox 18b does NOT apply to Q2 Forms 941, 941PR and 941SS filings and should NOT be checked.

Questions or comments may be directed to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

QuickAlerts – July 26, 2021

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

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

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.

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

Business Rules and Schemas:

- 1040 Series 2021v2.0

Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Schemas are available.

Schemas:

- 1040 Series 2020v5.2

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

QuickAlerts – July 26, 2021

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

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

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

Current year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 720 TY 2022Q1v2.0
- Form 720 TY 2022Q2v2.0
- Form 720 TY 2022Q3v2.0
- Form 720 TY 2022Q4v2.0
- Form 2290 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 990-T TY 2021v2.0
- Form 990-N TY 2021v1.0
- Form 990x TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1041 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1065 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v2.0
- Form 4720 TY 2021v1.0
- Form 8868 TY 2021v1.0
- Form 1120x TY 2021v2.0
- Form 8849 TY 2022v2.0

Prior year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 1041 TY 2020v3.2

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Software Developers and State organizations may download Schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, the following is needed:

- Active e-Services account
- Listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 720, 990-T, 990x, 1041, 1065, 1120F, 1120-POL, 1120x, 7004 and 8849.

You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 30 days the messages are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts – July 26, 2021

Subject: Information for FIRE Users

The IRS will be making significant improvements to the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) application process for new users. The new online Information Returns (IR) Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC) is scheduled to deploy on September 26, 2021. The new application will be available on IRS.gov and will replace both the current Form 4419 and the Fill-in Form 4419 on the FIRE System.

New users will be required to authenticate their identities and create a new account through IRS Secure Access Account to access the new online IR Application for TCC. Details on what users need to verify their identities can be found at www.irs.gov/SecureAccess. Existing Secure Access (SA) users will be able to use their existing SA account.

Any filer, including corporations, partnerships, employers, estates and trusts, who files 250 or more Forms 1097, 1042-S, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, 8027, 8955-SSA or W-2G for any calendar year must file their information returns electronically.

In late 2022, to better secure the FIRE system, existing FIRE users will also be required to transition to a stronger identity proofing authentication process. The target timeframe for this move is Fall 2022.

(A quick reminder that the Taxpayer First Act of 2019 (TFA) required the IRS to increase electronic filing. Counsel has now issued proposed regulations to reduce the current 250-return threshold to 100 in 2022 and to 10 in 2023. To review the proposed regulation or for details on the public hearing and comment period, see the [Federal Register](#).)

For more information on FIRE changes, see [FIRE System Update: Improving the Process and Security for Information Return \(IR\) Application for Transmitter Control Code \(TCC\)](#).

QuickAlerts – July 30, 2021

Subject: Updated Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schema and Business Rules are Available

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

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

- Form 990-T TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v2.0
- Form 4720 TY 2021v1.0

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- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 720, 990-T, 990x, 1041,1065, 1120-F, 1120-POL, 1120x, 7004 and 8849.

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