

QuickAlerts Messages June 2020

QuickAlerts – June 3, 2020

Subject: New Form 1040 Series Schemas and Business Rules are 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. The Software Developer provider option must have an associated tax type of 1040.

Tax Year 2019 Schemas and Business Rules are available. The change made is that Schemas and Business Rules for Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, were added.

The Assurance Testing System (ATS) is tentatively scheduled to be available beginning on 06/15/2020.

Production is tentatively scheduled to start on 08/17/2020.

Schemas and Business Rules:

- 1040 Series 2019v5.2

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

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 remain for 30 days then are purged. If you have the appropriate role and do not have these files available for download in your e-Services mailbox within 48 hours, please contact the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with tax year needed.

QuickAlerts – June 7, 2020

Subject: Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Return (Form 2290) for Tax Year (TY) 2020 Assurance Testing System is Available

The Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Return (Form 2290) for TY 2020 ATS is available.

Please reference [Publication 5078](#), *Assurance Testing System (ATS) Guidelines for Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Submissions*, or contact the e-Help Desk, toll-free at 1 (866) 255-0654, if you have questions.

QuickAlerts – June 15, 2020

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

The IRS is aware that individuals may have lost access to TDS. We are currently working to restore TDS access for authorized users.

In order to maintain access to TDS, authorized users must be associated to an e-file application with an active EFIN.

You can log into your e-Services account to verify and monitor the status of your EFIN.

If you need immediate assistance, please contact the e-help Desk at 866-255-0654.

QuickAlerts – June 15, 2020

Subject: Transcript Delivery Service (TDS) Access and e-file Application Status

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

Business Rules and Schemas:

- 1040 Series 2020v1.0
- Form 2350 2020v1.0
- Form 4868 2020v1.0

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QuickAlerts – June 15, 2020

Subject: New MeF Business Returns Schemas and Business Rules are Available

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

Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 720 TY2020v1.3 Q2-Q4
- Form 720 TY2021v1.0 Q1-Q4
- Form 94x TY2020v1.1 Q2-Q4
- Form 990-N TY2020v1.0
- Form 990x TY2020v1.0
- Form 1041 TY2020v1.0
- Form 1065 TY2020v1.0
- Form 1120 TY2020v1.0
- Form 1120-POL TY2020v1.0
- Form 2290 TY2020v2.0
- Form 7004 TY2020v1.0

- Form 8849 TY2021v1.0
- Form 8868 TY2020v1.0

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QuickAlerts – June 15, 2020

Subject: Update on Reporting Agent Authorizations Processing of Forms 8655

IRS operations to process Forms 8655, Reporting Agent Authorization, are re-opened. You may resume sending these forms via fax and mail (paper and optical disks with images of Forms 8655).

The Ogden service center, which processes these forms, is re-opened but not at full staffing levels to allow social distancing. We are working on the backlog and processing new submissions. In general, it's reasonable to assume that if you submitted a Form 8655 and received from IRS a name control for that client, then that Form 8655 has been entered into the Reporting Agent File (RAF).

Please see details at <https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/update-for-reporting-agents..>

QuickAlerts – June 15, 2020

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

MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments will be unavailable due to maintenance from 12:01 a.m. Eastern through 10:30 a.m. Eastern on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

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 – June 25, 2020

Subject: Unscheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) Production and Assurance Testing (AATS) Systems.

The AIR Production and AIR ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments are unavailable until further notice, due to unscheduled maintenance. A QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued when the AIR Production and AATS environments are available.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production System or AATS 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 in advance for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – June 25, 2020

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

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

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production and Testing Systems during this maintenance.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – June 25, 2020

Subject: Update - Modernized e-File (MeF) Operational Status

The MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments are fully operational now.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

QuickAlerts – June 25, 2020

Subject: Update - Unscheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Return (AIR) System is Complete

The AIR Production and AIR ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments are fully operational. The unscheduled maintenance is complete.

Please monitor the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page for any updates.

Thank you for your patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – June 25, 2020

Subject: Form(s) 1040/1040SR Duplicate Filing Conditions

We have received inquiries about Business Rule (BR) R0000-932-02 as a result of the recent distribution of the 2019v5.2 1040 Schema and BR. This BR was modified due to the development of Form(s) 1040/1040SR amended return.

Effective immediately for Tax Year 2019 and subsequent years, BR R0000-932-02 will replace BR R0000-902-001 if a duplicate return is submitted.

Note: BR R0000-932-02 references the “Amended Return” checkbox. However, filers will not be able to electronically file Form(s) 1040/1040SR until August 17, 2020 (tentatively).

Duplicate returns related to Economic Impact Payment (EIP): If a filer used the Non-Filers tool to register for EIP, they cannot file a subsequent tax return electronically. They must complete a paper Tax Year 2019 Form(s) 1040/1040-SR, print and write “Amended EIP Return” at the top, and mail the return to the IRS. The tax return must be mailed by the postponed due date of July 15, 2020 to avoid late-filing penalties and late fees. Please visit the [Economic Impact Payment Center](#) page on IRS.gov for upcoming information regarding duplicate returns related to EIP.

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 – June 30, 2020

Subject: Additional signature requirement for Reporting Agents who sign/submit Forms 7200 on behalf of clients

There is a new requirement for Reporting Agents (RAs) who sign and submit [Form 7200](#), Advance Payment of Employer Credits Due to COVID-19. This new requirement applies to reporting agents that have the authority to sign and file 94x employment tax returns via a [Form 8655](#), Reporting Agent Authorization.

The new requirement is that, in the box “Printed Title,” the signer must include the RA’s company name or name of business as it appeared on line 9 of the Form 8655. As before, the signer must be the principal or responsible official listed on the RA’s e-file application.

For the complete requirements, see [Employee Retention Credit Q/A-88](#).
