

## QuickAlerts Messages June 2022

### QuickAlerts – June 3, 2022

**Subject:** Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) for Tax Year 2022 Assurance Testing System (ATS) is Not Available

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

The Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) for Tax Year 2022 Assurance Testing System (ATS) is currently not available. The IRS is in the process of updating the system to allow testing for the Tax Year 2022 scenarios. Please refrain from sending any Form 2290 Tax Year 2022 test scenarios until further notice.

The IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts when Form 2290 testing for Tax Year 2022 is available.

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### QuickAlerts – June 8, 2022

**Subject:** Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) for Tax Year 2022 Assurance Testing System (ATS) is Available

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

The Heavy Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) for Tax Year 2022 Assurance Testing System (ATS) is available.

Please reference the Publication 5078, entitled, 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 any additional questions.

Thank you for your patience

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## QuickAlerts – June 9, 2022

**Subject:** New Form 1040 Series Business Rules and Schema are Available

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

### **Tax Year 2022/Processing Year 2023 Business Rules and Schema Updates**

- Form 1040 Series      2022v1.0
- Form 2350              2022v1.0
- Form 4868              2022v1.0

Software Developers and State organizations may download Modernized e-File (MeF) schemas and business rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have:

- An active e-Services account
- An e-File application with the Software Developer or State provider option with the associated tax type of 1040, 2350, 4868, 56 or 9465

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 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.

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## QuickAlerts – June 9, 2022

**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 2022/Processing Year 2023 Schemas and Business Rules are available.**

**Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:**

- Form 990-T TY 2022v1.0
- Form 990x TY 2022v1.0
- Form 1041 TY 2022v1.0
- Form 1065 TY 2022v1.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2022v1.0
- Form 1120x TY 2022v1.0
- Form 720 Q1-Q4 TY 2023v1.0
- Form 8849 TY 2023v1.0
- Form 7004 TY 2022v1.0

**Prior Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):**

- Form 1120 TY 2020v5.3
- Form 1120 TY 2021v4.3
- Form 1065 TY 2021v4.3
- Form 1041 TY 2021v4.2
- Form 7004 TY2021v4.3
- Form 7004 TY2020v5.3

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 990-T,990x, 1041,1065, 1120-POL, 1120x, 7004, 720 and 8849.

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## QuickAlerts – June 10, 2022

**Subject:** Update – Filing Information Returns Electronically Reminder – Use Tax Year 2021 Specifications

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

Some files submitted using TY 2020 or older formatting were processed incorrectly, without receiving a bad file status. The issue was corrected on March 23, 2022. As a result, files received after this date that meet this criterion will now receive a bad file status.

If you are an in-house programmer/software developer, ensure you are using Tax Year 2021 specifications provided in [Publication 1220](#). If you use a software package, ensure your package supports Tax Year 2021. If you have concerns, contact your software provider.

Please submit replacements for all rejected files. Send corrected files for files submitted and accepted (Good File status) prior to March 23, 2022, that used prior year software or record layout. Submit all corrections as soon as possible.

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## QuickAlerts – June 15, 2022

**Subject:** Update - Form 4419, Revise Existing Transmitter Control Code (TCC) for Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE), Phased Out Effective August 1, 2022

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

Beginning September 2022, IRS will transition filers who received their FIRE Transmitter Control Codes(TCC) prior to September 26, 2021, to the new Information Returns Application for Transmitter Control Code (IR-TCC). As part of this transition, Form 4419, Revise Existing TCC for FIRE, will be phased out effective August 1, 2022. Your TCC will remain valid for use until August 1, 2023,

after that date, any FIRE TCC that does not have a completed IR-TCC Application will be dropped and will not be available for e-file.

### **What you need to do:**

- Beginning in September 2022, access the IR-TCC Application to submit your application and update your information.

Note: You will have to validate your identity using the latest IRS authentication process.

- If you do not plan to immediately complete the IR TCC application, you must take the following actions:

- **By August 1, 2022**, ensure the information on your application (submitted via Form 4419) contains the current contact's name, current email address and current telephone number. Also, please verify the company's current legal name is correct (spelling, abbreviations, special characters and spacing) to match IRS records.

**IMPORTANT** - If your legal business name isn't correct, you won't be able to log into the FIRE System to file electronically. These changes must be **received** by August 1, 2022, to ensure the information can be updated timely. Once the transition is complete, the Form 4419, Revise Existing TCC for FIRE, will no longer be available. You'll need to complete the online IR Application for TCC process to make updates to your application.

- **By August 1, 2023**, you must complete the new IR-TCC Application process to continue to file electronically and retain use of your current TCC(s). If you complete the IR-TCC Application after this date you will be issued new TCC(s).

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## **QuickAlerts – June 15, 2022**

**Subject:** Update - Phase 2 of the Information Returns (IR) Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC) Transition

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

The IRS is continuing its transition to the new Information Returns TCC (IR-TCC) Application for Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) for customers who

received their TCC(s) prior to September 26, 2021. Customers must take action to keep their existing TCCs active.

Beginning in September 2022, FIRE TCC holders who submitted their TCC Application prior to September 26, 2021, will need to submit and complete the IR-TCC Application. The IR-TCC application can be done at any time between September 2022 and August 1, 2023. Your TCC will remain active for use until August 1, 2023, after that date, any FIRE TCC that does not have a completed IR-TCC Application will be dropped and will not be available for e-file. Visit [Filing Information Returns Electronically Update](#) for more information.

### **What are the benefits?**

The online application allows easier application updates, including requesting additional TCCs, and provides more control over who has access to your TCC(s).

### **What do you need to do?**

- **Beginning in September 2022, and prior to August 1, 2023**, you'll be asked to take the following steps:
  - Validate your identity using the latest IRS authentication process if you've not already done so.
  - Log into the [IR Application for TCC](#).
  - Complete the online application.

Note: Your TCC(s) issued prior to September 26, 2021, will automatically be added to your completed application.

We encourage you to complete the transition as soon as possible

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## **QuickAlerts – June 16, 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, June 19, 2022, from 12:01 am. until 11:00 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 – June 22, 2022

**Subject:** ACA Information Returns (AIR) Notification of update to Transport Layer Security (TLS) version

Transport Layer Security (TLS) versions 1.0 and 1.1 have been deprecated by the industry. According to NIST SP 800-52r2 guidelines, all government agencies, including IRS, should move off these versions and preferably move to TLS version 1.3 (TLS version 1.2 is also acceptable).

Based on these guidelines, beginning **August 1, 2022**, the encryption level for the User Interface (UI) and Application-to-Application (A2A) Channels, for the ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) and Production Environments will be TLS versions 1.2 and 1.3 exclusively.

If you are not currently using TLS version 1.2 or 1.3, we advise you to move to one of these versions as soon as possible (**no later than August 1, 2022**) to avoid any possible disruption of service.

If you have questions related to these version changes of TLS please send them to the [AIR Mailbox](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## QuickAlerts – June 23, 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, June 26, 2022, from 12:01 am. until 9:30 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 – June 29, 2022

**Subject:** New e-file Application Fingerprinting Process Implemented

ATTN: Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

Individuals are 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.

Individuals requiring fingerprints can obtain the scheduling link by accessing the e-file Application Summary page and using the scheduling link on the Terms of Agreement Signature(s) & Personal Information section. This link will only be visible to each Principal and Responsible Official when the application is successfully submitted, and fingerprints are required.

Additional information about the new fingerprinting process can be found on the [Become an Authorized e-file Provider](#) webpage.

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## QuickAlerts – June 29, 2022

**Subject:** Update - Changes to the e-file Application Fingerprinting Process

ATTN: Authorized e-file Providers/EROs

Correction to Quick Alert issued June 29, 2022, New e-file Application Fingerprinting Process Implemented

Beginning September 25, 2022, 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.

The cutoff date to mail paper fingerprint cards (Form FD-258) to the IRS is August 15, 2022. Fingerprint cards must be postmarked by August 15, 2022, and the application must be submitted prior to mailing the fingerprint cards.

The IRS will not process fingerprint cards postmarked after August 15, 2022. Customers needing fingerprints will need to wait until September 25, 2022, to schedule an electronic fingerprinting appointment. On September 25, 2022, you can schedule your appointment by accessing the scheduling link located on the e-file application summary page.

Instructions for scheduling an appointment will be provided upon submitting an e-file application and on IRS.gov. The IRS will provide additional information about the new



fingerprinting process on September 25, 2022. Please continue to check the [Become an Authorized e-file Provider](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.