

# QuickAlerts Messages November 2019

## QuickAlerts – November 6, 2019

**Subject:** Publication 3112 updated

The Publication 3112 "[IRS E-file Application and Participation](#)" has been updated.

This edition of Publication 3112 replaces the previous edition revised July 2018. This publication provides important information for Tax Professionals and Authorized IRS e-file Providers regarding applying and participating in IRS e-file. All participants should read this publication to become familiar with the requirements for continued participation.

**Note:** Publications 1345, 3112 and 4557 are only available in a downloadable PDF format.

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## QuickAlerts – November 7, 2019

**Subject:** Extended Scheduled Maintenance for Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Environment

[MeF Production Environment](#) will be unavailable for use Sunday, November 17, 2019, beginning at 12:00 midnight Eastern through 11:00 a.m. Eastern. Maintenance will be performed to ensure the system is functioning at peak performance.

The Assurance Testing System ([ATS](#)) environment will be available after regular scheduled maintenance on November 17, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. Eastern.

### Reminder - 1040 MeF Production Shutdown

The shutdown of IMF will be Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. in order to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2019 Filing Season.

**Important Note:** Final submissions should be sent two hours before the scheduled shutdown allowing for acknowledgement retrievals. Any acknowledgements not retrieved before the shutdown will be made available in January.

**States:** The scheduled shutdown does not affect states, they may continue to retrieve all submissions and submit acknowledgements.

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## QuickAlerts – November 21, 2019

**Subject:** Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown/Cutover Schedule

All times shown in this communication are in Eastern Time Zone.

### Attention: MeF Participants

To ensure that all Business Returns e-filed through the Modernized e-File (MeF) system are processed timely, the following MeF Production shutdown/cutover and acknowledgment retrieval schedule has been established. It is imperative that everyone adhere to the schedule shown below.

## **Business MeF Production Shutdown/Cutover Schedule**

Shutdown for "Send Submissions" only is scheduled to begin at 11:59 a.m., Thursday, December 26, 2019, to prepare the system for the upcoming 2019 Filing Season.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m., Thursday, December 26, 2019.

States can continue to use all the service requests necessary to retrieve and process state submissions in accordance with shutdown activities stated above. MeF recommends that states adjust their processing schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements.

Any acknowledgements not retrieved by 11:59 p.m. on December 26th cannot be accessed until MeF opens for production in January 2020.

Please note: MeF ATS (Assurance Testing System) will be operational during this cutover.

We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

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### **QuickAlerts – November 26, 2019**

**Subject:** New Form 1040 Series and Form 56 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. Your role must be Principal, Responsible Official, or Delegated User with MeF authorities.

**Tax Year 2019 / Processing Year 2020 Schemas and Business Rules are available.**

#### **Schemas and Business Rules:**

- 1040 Series 2019v5.0
- Form 56 CUv19.0

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.

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### **QuickAlerts – November 26, 2019**

**Subject:** New Forms 990x, 1041 and 1120POL Schemas and Business Rules are Available

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**Tax Year 2019 / Processing Year 2020 Schemas and Business Rules are available.**

**Schemas and Business Rules:**

- Form 990x 2019v5.0; and 2018v3.2
- Form 1041 2019v1.4; 2018v5.1; and 2017v3.2
- Form 1120POL 2019v5.0; and 2018v2.2

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**QuickAlerts – November 26, 2019**

**Subject:** Form 1065 and Form 1120x New Schemas and Business Rules are Delayed

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Tax Year 2019 / Processing Year 2020 Schemas and Business Rules for Form 1065 and Form 1120x are delayed. Once these Schemas and Business Rules are available, an updated QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued.

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