

QuickAlerts Messages November 2021

QuickAlerts – November 3, 2021

Subject: Delay in Processing Newly Applied for Employer Identification Number (EIN)
Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

There was an issue with Business Rule R0000-922-01 erroneously rejecting newly applied for Employer Identification Numbers (EINs) that were assigned on or after September 17, 2021.

R0000-922-01 - Filer's EIN and Name Control in the Return Header must match data in the e-File database, unless "Name Change" or "Name or Address Change" checkbox is checked, if applicable.

The delay with the MeF System process of updating the Employer Identification Number (EIN) files has been fixed.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused if you were impacted by the delay.

QuickAlerts – November 3, 2021

Subject: 1040 Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown

1040 MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2021 Filing Season.

Important Note: Only "Send Submissions" for 1040 (both State and Federal) will be affected by this shutdown, all other services such as "Get Acks" and all state services will be available after the shutdown.

Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 20, 2021

Transmitters:

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal) 10:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Important Note: Business (BMF) returns are not impacted by this IMF Production Shutdown schedule.

The BMF Production Shutdown schedule will be communicated in a QuickAlerts bulletin, outlining the exact timeframes, in early December and the times will be posted on the MeF Operational Status page.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any updates. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts – November 8, 2021

Subject: New Form 1040 Business Rules and Schemas are Available
Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

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

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

Business Rules and Schemas:

- 1040 Series 2021v5.0

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 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 – November 8, 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 94x Quarterly TY 2022Q1v1.0
- Form 990-N TY 2021v1.2
- Form 990-T TY 2021v4.1
- Form 990x TY 2021v4.1
- Form 1041 TY 2021v4.1
- Form 1065 TY 2021v4.1
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v3.1
- Form 1120x TY 2021v4.1
- Form 8868 TY 2021v2.1

Current Year Business Rules Only:

- Form 94x Quarterly TY2021v3.0

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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 94x, 990-N, 990-T,990X, 1041,1065, 1120-POL and 1120x.

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QuickAlerts – November 9, 2021

Subject: ACA Information Returns (AIR) Production Environment Shutdown/Cutover
Attention: AIR Participants - Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers

In order to prepare for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021, the **AIR Production environment Shutdown/Cutover** for all transmissions, including corrections and replacements, will begin on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at 5 p.m. Eastern time. Please do not attempt to access the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the Shutdown/Cutover period.

We'll provide the **AIR Production environment Start-up** date/time at a later date, via a QuickAlerts bulletin. An Alert will also be posted on the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page.

Note: The AIR Assurance Testing System (AATS) environment will remain open throughout the Production Shutdown/Cutover, except during the routine maintenance windows that occur each Sunday. Information on the routine maintenance windows can be found on the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page.

QuickAlerts – November 16, 2021

Subject: Publication 1345, Handbook for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns is Available on IRS.gov.

[Publication 1345, Handbook for Authorized IRS e-file Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns](#), is available on IRS.gov.

This publication addresses the rules and requirements for participation in IRS *e-file* by Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers filing individual income tax returns and related forms and schedules. All participants should become familiar with this publication.

This edition of Publication 1345, Handbook for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers of Individual Income Tax Returns, replaces the previous edition revised February 2021.

QuickAlerts – November 17, 2021

Subject: Reminder - 1040 Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown

1040 MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2021 Filing Season.

Important Note: Only "Send Submissions" for 1040 (both State and Federal) will be affected by this shutdown, all other services such as "Get Acks" and all state services will be available after the shutdown.

Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 20, 2021

Transmitters:

Transmitting Submissions (State & Federal) 10:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Important Note: Business (BMF) returns are not impacted by this IMF Production Shutdown schedule.

The BMF Production Shutdown schedule will be communicated in a QuickAlerts bulletin, outlining the exact timeframes, in early December and the times will be posted on the MeF Operational Status page.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any updates. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts – November 19, 2021

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Extended Maintenance Window for Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The MeF ATS environment will be unavailable on Sunday, November 21, 2021, from 12:01 am. until 11:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF ATS environment during this maintenance window.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – November 22, 2021

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

The MeF Testing System is 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 – November 22, 2021

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

The MeF Testing System maintenance is complete, and the system is available.

Please monitor the MeF Operational Status page for any future updates.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – November 23, 2021

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Update

Starting earlier this week, there was a system issue that was causing the acknowledgements for some electronic returns to not generate properly in the Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment. The issue has been resolved and transmitters should be able to retrieve their acknowledgements.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience in this matter.

QuickAlerts – November 23, 2021

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

The MeF Production System, currently processing Business Returns only, will be unavailable on Saturday, November 27, 2021, from 7:00 am. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production System during this maintenance window.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – November 24, 2021

Subject: Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Publications for Processing Year 2022 are Available

The following AIR Publications for Processing Year 2022 are available on the [Affordable Care Act Information Returns \(AIR\)](#) page:

- Publication 5164, *Test Package for Electronic Filers of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Processing Year 2022* (Rev. 10-2021)
- Publication 5165, *Guide for Electronically Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns for Software Developers and Transmitters Processing Year 2022* (Rev. 11-2021)
- Publication 5258, *Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Submission Composition and Reference Guide Processing Year 2022* (Rev. 11-2021)
- Publication 5308, *Automated Enrollment For ACA Provider The Externals Guide* (Rev. 10-2021)

These publications represent the most current technical information and should replace prior versions you may be using.

If you have questions related to these AIR Publications, please send them to the [AIR Mailbox](#).
