

QuickAlerts Messages October 2021

QuickAlerts – October 7, 2021

Subject: ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) Shutdown/Cutover Schedule for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021

The AATS environment will be unavailable beginning Sunday, 10/24/2021, midnight Eastern time through Tuesday, 11/2/2021, 7 a.m. Eastern time. IRS will update AATS programming for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 during that time.

The AATS environment will be available beginning Tuesday, 11/2/2021, 7 a.m. Eastern time, for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 testing, which includes Tax Year(s) 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015. Beginning 11/2/2021:

- Tax Year 2021 will be the current year in AATS
- Tax Year(s) 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 will be accepted as prior year returns in AATS

Please do not attempt to access the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the Shutdown period.

The Production environment is still available during the AATS Shutdown, except for the routine maintenance window that occurs each Sunday. Information on the routine maintenance window can be found on the [AIR System Operational Status](#) page.

- Tax Year 2020 is still the current year in Production.
- Tax Year(s) 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are still accepted as prior year returns in Production.

Web Services Description Language (WSDLs):

- **A2A Channel:** WSDLs for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 are available. If you plan to test on or after 11/2/2021 and have not received the Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 WSDLs, a Responsible Official, or an official identified as a Contact on the ACA Application for TCC, may send an email to the [AIR Mailbox](#) to request the WSDLs.
 - Use "WSDLs for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021" as the subject line.
 - The email request must include your company name and ACA TCC.
 - The WSDLs will be emailed to you upon confirmation of the contact information in the ACA Application for TCC.

UI Channel: UI Channel filers do not use WSDLs.

QuickAlerts – October 12, 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 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 2021v4.0
- Form 56 CUv22.0

Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Schemas are available.

Schemas only:

- 1040 Series 2020v5.3

Tax Year 2019/Processing Year 2020 Schemas are available.

Schemas only:

- 1040 Series 2019v5.5

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 – October 12, 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 Annual TY 2021v2.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2022v1.0
- Form 990-N TY 2021v1.1
- Form 990-T TY 2021v4.0
- Form 990x TY 2021v4.0
- Form 1041 TY 2021v4.0
- Form 1065 TY 2021v4.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1120x TY 2021v4.0

Current Year Business Rules Only:

- Form 94x Annual TY 2021v2.0

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 990-T TY 2020v1.3

- Form 990x TY 2020v4.2
- Form 1041 TY 2020v3.3
- Form 1065 TY 2020v5.2
- Form 1120-POL TY 2020v4.2
- Form 1120x TY 2020v5.3

Prior Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 990-T TY 2020v1.2
- Form 1065 TY 2019v5.3
- Form 1120x TY 2019v5.2

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

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.

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 - October 18, 2021

Subject: Annual Self-Certification and E-file Application URL Registration

This is a reminder that all Online Providers must complete the annual self-certification questions beginning October 1, 2021, to ensure they comply with [Publication 1345](#) IRS e-file security, privacy, and business standards.

If you are an Authorized IRS e-file Provider who owns or operates a Website(s) that collects, transmits, stores or processes taxpayer information, the IRS also requires you to register those URL(s) on your e-file Application. The annual certification process includes the registration of these Websites.

If you have not previously registered your URL(s), select the URL collection link on the e-file Application information page menu to register.

QuickAlerts - October 21, 2021

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

The MeF Production and Testing Systems will be unavailable on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 12:01 am. until 9:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Systems during this maintenance window.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
