

QuickAlerts Messages October 2022

QuickAlerts – October 4, 2022

Subject: Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Publications for Processing Year 2023 are Available

The following AIR Publications for Processing Year 2023 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. 9-2022)
- Publication 5165, Guide for Electronically Filing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns for Software Developers and Transmitters Processing Year 2022 (Rev. 10-2022)
- Publication 5258, Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Submission Composition and Reference Guide Processing Year 2022 (Rev. 10-2022)
- Publication 5308, Automated Enrollment For ACA Provider The Externals Guide (Rev. 9-2022)

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.

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

QuickAlerts – October 5, 2022

Subject: Reminder of Annual System Update for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS)

ATS Cutover October 11, 2022 – October 24, 2022

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time until Monday, October 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the testing system during this maintenance window.

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

Important Notes

- New R10.6 WSDLs (Web Service Definition Language) will be installed in ATS. Software developers will need to use the new WSDLs to connect to MeF A2A (Application to Application) services. A QuickAlerts bulletin was issued on August 25, 2022 with details on the WSDLs.
 - Use "la.alt" URL (la.alt.www4) for the ATS environment, and use "la" main URL (la.www4) for the Production environment.
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QuickAlerts – October 6, 2022

Subject: Publication 1220 (Rev. 9-2022) Tax Year 2022 will be Republished

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

The current version of [Publication 1220](#), (rev. 9-2022) Specifications for Electronic Filing of Forms 1097, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, and W-2G, contains incorrect information in the Issuer A record and Payee B record sections. We are making the necessary corrections and expect the revised Publication 1220 to be available on IRS.gov early next week.

Exhibit 2 of the revised publication will reflect these corrections:

- Part C Sec. 2 Issuer “A” Record - Corrected Field Position 46-53 Field Title “Blank” to 46-51 and corrected Length to 6. The Field Position of all Field Titles that followed were reduced by 2.
 - Part C Sec. 3 Payee “B” Record, Record Layout Positions 545-746 for Form 1099-PATR - Corrected the Length and General Field Descriptions to be consistent with TY 2021.
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QuickAlerts – October 11, 2022

Subject: ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) Schedule for Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022

Shutdown/Cutover

The AATS environment will be unavailable beginning:

Sunday, 10/30/2022, noon Eastern time through

Tuesday, 11/1/2022, 9 a.m. Eastern time.

IRS will update AATS programming for Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022 during that time.

The AATS environment will be available beginning Tuesday, 11/1/2022, 9 a.m. Eastern time, for Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022 testing, which includes Tax Year(s) 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Beginning 11/1/2022:

- Tax Year 2022 will be the current year in AATS
- Tax Year(s) 2021, 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 2021 is still the current year in Production.
- Tax Year(s) 2020, 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 2023/Tax Year 2022 are available. If you plan to test on or after 11/1/2022 and have not received the Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022 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 2023/Tax Year 2022" 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.

New URL for UI AATS

On September 25, 2022, the [UI AATS URL](#) changed to a new address. The existing UI AATS URL will redirect users to the new address until further notice. Please start using the new AATS URL effective immediately.

The AIR Production URL address will remain the same.

QuickAlerts – October 13, 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 990x 2022v3.0
- Form 990-T 2022v4.0
- Form 1041 2022v4.0
- Form 1042 2022v1.0
- Form 1065 2022v3.0
- Form 1120-POL 2022v4.0
- Form 5227 2022v2.0

Current Year Schema Only:

- Form 1120x 2022v4.0

There were no business rule changes for the Form 1120x package.

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, an individual needs the following:

- An active e-Services account
- To be listed on an e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- An associated tax type of 720, 94x, 990-N, 990-T, 1041,1065,1120-POL, 1120x, 4720, 5227, 5330, 8038-CP, and 8868 for those with the Software Developer role

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 13, 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 Schema and Business Rules Updates

Schema and Business Rules:

- Form 1040 Series 2022v4.0

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.

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QuickAlerts – October 13, 2022

Subject: Complete Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires now

Attention: Software Developers and Transmitters

Software developers can now initiate Modernized e-file (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires electronically by accessing their e-file application and submitting questionnaires for each form they are testing.

You must be an authorized user listed on the IRS e-file application and have **one** of the following roles to submit questionnaires:

- Principal or user granted Principal Consent authority **or**
- Responsible Official **or** Delegated User with **Add & Change Software Package Information authority granted** (this authority became available September 26th).

To receive a Software Identification number for each product you plan to test, follow the steps below to complete the questionnaire:

- [Sign into your IRS e-file application](#)
- Select **Organization Role**
- **Application must be in completed status**
- Select the **Software Packages** tab
- Select **Add Software Package**
- Complete the **Add Software** Packages pop-up

- Select Save

For additional assistance, contact the e-Help desk at 866-255-0654.

QuickAlerts – October 18, 2022

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

1040 MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2022 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 not be affected by the shutdown and users should be able to continue to use those services.

Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 26, 2022

Transmitters:

Transmitting 1040 Submissions (State & Federal) 11:59 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 – October 18, 2022

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Window

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 7:00 am. until 4:00 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 – October 25, 2022

Subject: New Form 9465 Schema and Business Rules are Available

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

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

Schema and Business Rules:

- Form 9465 CUv25.0

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.

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QuickAlerts – October 27, 2022

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

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 12:01 am. until 10:00 am. Eastern time.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.