

# QuickAlerts Messages September 2020

## QuickAlerts – September 1, 2020

**Subject:** New MeF Business Returns 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. The Software Developer provider option must have an associated tax type of 720, 94x, 990-N, 990x, 1041, 1065, 1120, 1120-POL, 2290, 7004, 8849 or 8868.

**Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Schemas and Business Rules are available.**

### Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 990x TY2020v2.1
- Form 1041 TY2020v2.1
- Form 1065 TY2020v3.0
- Form 1120x TY2020v3.0
- Form 1120-POL TY2020v2.1

### Current Year Business Rules:

- Form 94x Annual TY2020v1.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY2021v1.0

### Current Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 94x Quarterly TY2020v1.1

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

- Form 1041 TY2019v1.5
- Form 1041 TY2018v5.2
- Form 1041 TY2017v3.2
- Form 1120x TY2019v5.1
- Form 94x Annual TY2019v1.0
- Form 94x Annual TY2018v1.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY2019v1.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY2018v2.1

Please visit the [Modernized e-file \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page at 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 – September 3, 2020

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for Affordable Care Act Information Systems (AIR)

The AIR Production and AATS environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from:

Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Sunday, September 13, 2020, at 12 noon Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR System via the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the maintenance period.

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

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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## QuickAlerts – September 9, 2020

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for Affordable Care Act Information Systems (AIR) – Update

Update: The scheduled maintenance will end on Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time.

The AIR Production and AATS environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from:

Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Saturday, September 12, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR System via the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the maintenance period.

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

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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## QuickAlerts – September 9, 2020

**Subject:** Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Assurance Testing System (AATS) and Production WSDL packages for Filing Season 2021/Tax Year 2020 are available

The Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) packages for ACA AATS and Production for Filing Season 2021/Tax Year 2020 are available. To request the packages, the Responsible Official or Contact listed on the ACA Application for TCC should send an email to the AIR Mailbox with "WSDLs for Tax Year 2020" in the subject line. The email request should include your company name and your ACA TCC.

The Tax Year 2020 AIR WSDL packages will be emailed to you upon confirmation that you are an authorized user listed in the ACA Application for TCC.

The WSDL packages are to be used only for the ISS-A2A communication channel, and are not to be used for the ISS-UI communication channel.

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## QuickAlerts – September 10, 2020

**Subject:** ACA Information Returns (AIR) Schemas, Crosswalks, Business Rules and AATS Scenarios for Tax Year 2020 are Available

Version 1.0 of Schemas, Crosswalks and Business Rules for Tax Year 2020 are available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

ACA Assurance Test System (AATS) scenarios for Tax Year 2020 are available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

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

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## QuickAlerts – September 17, 2020

**Subject:** Verify your Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) activity and other e-file application information

Now that filing season is slowing down, this might be a good time to review your e-file application information.

Your application information should be updated within 30 days of any changes, such as names, address or telephone number. You should also check your EFIN Status page.

Check the EFIN status by logging into your e-file application through [e-services](#) to make sure the summary of the volume and activity of the returns e-filed in the last two years matches your records.

If you have any concerns or if you notice any discrepancies, call the e-help desk at 866-255-0654 (6:30 AM to 8:00 PM Central).

For more frequently asked questions about your EFIN please see [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

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## QuickAlerts – September 17, 2020

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

MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments will be unavailable due to maintenance from 12:01 a.m. Eastern through 9:30 a.m. Eastern on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

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.

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## QuickAlerts – September 18, 2020

**Subject:** Form 94x Series Business Rules Change Pages 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. The Software Developer provider option must have an associated tax type of 94x.

Tax Year 2020/Processing Year 2021 Business Rules Change Pages are available.

**Business Rules Change Pages Only:**

- 94x Series Updates 2020v1.1

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

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**QuickAlerts – September 20, 2020**

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

MeF Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) environments will be unavailable due to maintenance from 12:01 a.m. Eastern through 2:00 p.m. Eastern on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

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.

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**QuickAlerts – September 23, 2020**

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Assurance Testing System (AATS)

The AIR AATS environment will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from:

Friday, September 25, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. Eastern time until Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 2:00 p.m Eastern time.

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

The AIR Production environment will still be available during this timeframe except for the normal maintenance period on Sunday from midnight until noon Eastern time.

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

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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## QuickAlerts – September 24, 2020

**Subject:** MeF Form(s) 94x Third Quarter Tax Year 2020

IRS is updating the MeF system so filers may report the deferred amount of the employee share of social security tax.

Please refrain from e-filing Form(s) 94x Third Quarter Tax Year 2020 returns that have an amount on Page 3, Line 24 (Deferred amount of the employee share of social security tax not withheld and included on line 13b) until further notice.

IRS will issue a Technical QuickAlerts bulletin when the MeF system is updated.

Questions or comments may be directed to the [MeF Mailbox](#).

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