

# QuickAlerts Messages September 2021

## QuickAlerts – September 1, 2021

**Subject:** Posting Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Schema and Business Rules Tax Year 2021 v1.0

Version 1.0 of AIR schema and business rules for Tax Year 2021 is available on irs.gov: [AIR schema and business rules](#) for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

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

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## QuickAlerts – September 2, 2021

**Subject:** Availability of New MeF Business Returns Schemas and Business Rules

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

### Current year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 94x Annual TY 2021v1.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2022v1.0
- Form 990-T TY 2021v3.0
- Form 990x TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1041 TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1065 TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v2.1
- Form 4720 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 8868 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1120x TY 2021v3.0

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

- Form 990-N TY 2021v1.0

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

- Form 720 TY 2022Q1-4v2.0
- Form 94x Annual TY 2020v2.0
- Form 94x Annual TY 2019v1.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2021v3.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2020v1.1
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2019v1.0
- Form 990N TY 2020v3.0
- Form 990N TY 2019v1.0
- Form 990-T TY 2020v1.2
- Form 990x TY 2020v4.1
- Form 990x TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1041 TY 2020v3.2
- Form 1041 TY 2019v1.6
- Form 1120x TY 2020v5.2

- Form 1120x TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1120-POL TY 2020v4.1
- Form 1120-POL TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1065 TY 2020v5.1
- Form 1065 TY 2019v5.3
- Form 2290 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 8849 TY 2022v2.0
- Form 8868 TY 2020v2.0
- Form 8868 TY 2019v1.0

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

- An active e-Services account
- An e-File application with the provider option of Software Developer or State
- Software Developer must have an associated tax type of 720, 94x Annual, 94x Qtrly, 94xPINReg, 990, 990-T, 1041, 1065, 1120, 1120-POL, 2290, 4720, 7004, or 8849.

You may have several 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 2, 2021

**Subject:** Update - Availability of New MeF Business Returns Schemas and Business Rules

**Please disregard the QuickAlerts bulletin that was issued earlier. A new QuickAlerts bulletin will be issued when the Tax Year 2021/Processing Year 2022 Schemas and Business Rules are available. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

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

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- Form 990x TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1041 TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1065 TY 2021v3.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2021v2.1
- Form 4720 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 8868 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 1120x TY 2021v3.0

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- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2021v3.0
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2020v1.1
- Form 94x Quarterly TY 2019v1.0
- Form 990N TY 2020v3.0
- Form 990N TY 2019v1.0
- Form 990-T TY 2020v1.2
- Form 990x TY 2020v4.1
- Form 990x TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1041 TY 2020v3.2
- Form 1041 TY 2019v1.6
- Form 1120x TY 2020v5.2
- Form 1120x TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1120-POL TY 2020v4.1
- Form 1120-POL TY 2019v5.2
- Form 1065 TY 2020v5.1
- Form 1065 TY 2019v5.3
- Form 2290 TY 2021v2.0
- Form 8849 TY 2022v2.0
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### QuickAlerts – September 2, 2021

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

The AIR Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production or AATS environments 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 for any inconvenience this may cause.

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### QuickAlerts – September 7, 2021

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Test System

The MeF ATS (Acceptance Testing System) will be unavailable beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021, noon until Friday, September 17, 2021, 12:01 a.m. Eastern time.

Please refrain from accessing the MeF Test System during this maintenance.

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

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### QuickAlerts – September 7, 2021

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production System

The MeF Production System will be unavailable from 7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

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

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

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### QuickAlerts – September 8, 2021

**Subject:** Publication 4163 has been Revised and is Available on IRS.gov

Publication 4163, *Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-File Providers for Business Returns*, is now available on [IRS.gov](#).

This revision reflects the addition of Form 990-T Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return and Form 4720 Return of Certain Excise Taxes on Charities and Other Persons Under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Internal Revenue Code to the MeF Platform.

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### QuickAlerts – September 9, 2021

**Subject:** Programming issue impacts business taxpayers reporting COVID-19 employment tax relief

There is a Transcript Delivery System (TDS) programming issue impacting business taxpayers who reported information related to COVID-19 employment tax relief on Form 941.

Account Transcripts requested for Form 941 for all quarters in Tax Year 2021 may not generate properly. Transcripts are not being delivered to the Secure Object Repository (SOR) Mailbox for e-Services users. When viewing the transcript online, a message will display on the transcript indicating TDS has encountered an unrecoverable error processing the request. With the Postal Mail delivery method, no transcript is mailed.

As the Record of Account Transcript is a combination of the Tax Return and Account Transcripts, the Record of Account Transcript is also impacted and can display a message of “No record of return filed.”

IRS Customer Service Representatives are also unable to obtain these transcripts.

The programming issue is expected to be fixed on September 26, 2021.

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### QuickAlerts – September 10, 2021

**Subject:** Updated Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Tax Year 2020 v1.1 Business Rules are Available

AIR Tax Year 2020 v1.1 Business Rules have been updated and are available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

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

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### QuickAlerts – September 10, 2021

**Subject:** Corrected Link - Updated Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Tax Year 2020 v1.1 Business Rules are Available

The QuickAlerts bulletin sent earlier had an incorrect link. Please use the link in the following paragraph.

AIR Tax Year 2020 v1.1 Business Rules have been updated and are available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

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

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### QuickAlerts – September 15, 2021

**Subject:** Affordable Care Act Assurance Testing System (AATS) System Unavailable

The AATS system is currently unavailable due to unscheduled maintenance. This impacts transmissions to both the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) channels.

Do not attempt to access the AIR AATS system during this timeframe.

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

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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### QuickAlerts – September 16, 2021

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the Modernized e-File (MeF) System

The MeF Production System will be unavailable beginning Sunday, September 19, 2021, 12:01 am, until September 19, 2021, 7:00 a.m. Eastern time.

The MeF ATS (Acceptance Testing System) will be unavailable beginning Sunday, September 19, 2021, 12:01am, till 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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

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 16, 2021

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

#### ATS Cutover September 27, 2021 – October 12, 2021

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Monday, September 27, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 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 R10.5 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 June 21, 2021 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.

#### MeF Resiliency Update for MeF ATS

With the Filing Season 2022 R10.5 release we are introducing new functionality:

- In the event of major outages, the portal component of the testing system will be able to accept submissions in a limited capacity. Only Login, Logout and Send Submissions services will be active. All other services will be unavailable during outages. The testing system will be able to return receipts for submissions.
- A2A Transmitters will see some changes with two new fields (Deposit ID and Receipt ID) as part of Send Submissions Response.

- Deposit ID is a message level field and Receipt ID is a submission level field; both fields are defined as alphanumeric 80 characters.
- We recommend that transmitters save these new fields to their system.
- There is a possibility of multiple acknowledgements for a single submission. Only one acknowledgement will be primary. All other acknowledgements will be secondary and result in a duplicate error.

States and IFA users will not be impacted by this change.

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The MeF ATS (Acceptance Testing System) will be unavailable beginning Sunday, September 19, 2021, 12:01am, till 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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

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

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### QuickAlerts – September 21, 2021

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

The AIR Production and AATS environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. Eastern time until Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 12 noon Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production or AATS environments 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 for any inconvenience this may cause.

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### QuickAlerts – September 21, 2021

**Subject:** Scheduled Maintenance for the Modernized e-File (MeF) Production System

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. through 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.

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### QuickAlerts – September 23, 2021

**Subject:** Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) WSDL Packages for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 are Available

The Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) packages for AIR Production and AATS for Filing Season 2022/Tax Year 2021 are available.

To request the packages, a Responsible Official or Contact listed on the ACA Application for TCC should send an email to the AIR Mailbox with "WSDLs for Tax Year 2021" in the subject line. The email request should include the company name and the ACA TCC.

The Tax Year 2021 AIR WSDL packages will be sent when the requestor is confirmed as an authorized user listed in the ACA Application for TCC.

The WSDL packages are to be used only for the Application to Application (A2A) channel and are not to be used for the User Interface (UI) channel.

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### QuickAlerts – September 30, 2021

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

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 12:01 am. until 11:59 a.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.

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