

QuickAlerts Messages September 2022

QuickAlerts – September 1, 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 2022v3.0
- Form 56 CUv23.0

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.

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 – September 1, 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 990-N 2022v1.0
- Form 990-T 2022v3.0
- Form 1041 2022v3.0
- Form 1120x 2022v3.0
- Form 1120-POL 2022v3.0
- Form 8868 2022v1.0
- Form 4720 2022v1.0
- Form 5227 2022v1.0
- Form 5330 2022v1.0
- Form 8038-CP 2023v1.0

Current Year Business Rules Only

- Form 94x Annual 2022v1.0
- Form 720 Q1-Q4 2023v1.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Page Only:

- Form 1065 2022v2.0

Prior Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 1120x 2021v4.3

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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 720, 94x, 990-N, 990-T, 1041,1065,1120-POL, 1120x, 4720, 5227, 5330, 8030-CP, and 8868.

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QuickAlerts – September 6, 2022

Subject: Scheduled Maintenance for the ACA Information Returns (AIR) Production and Assurance Testing (AATS) Environments

The AIR Production and AATS environments for the User Interface (UI) and Application to Application (A2A) channels will be unavailable on Thursday, September 8, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. Eastern time until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production and AATS environments via the UI or A2A channels during the maintenance window.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – September 7, 2022

Subject: New Assurance Testing System Questionnaire Process Coming for Tax Year 2022

Attention: Software Developers and Transmitters

Beginning September 25, software developers will initiate Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires electronically by accessing their e-Services

account and submitting questionnaires for each form they are testing.

To complete the questionnaire, the software developer must:

- sign into their completed e-File application
- select the **Software Packages** tab
- select **Add Software Package**
- complete the **Add Software Packages** pop-up
- select **Save**

The system will then automatically issue the software identification number for that package. Note: The software developer needs to complete this process for each software package.

Software developers will continue the testing process with assigned e-help desk assistors. Existing developers will continue to receive initial contact emails from their assigned e-help desk assistor at the start of testing. New software developers who did not participate in testing last year should contact the e-Help desk at 866-255-0654 when they are ready to test.

As we approach September 25, additional information will be shared in a subsequent quick alert and on the [MeF Assurance Testing System](#) IRS.gov webpage.

QuickAlerts – September 8, 2022

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

ATS Cutover October 10, 2022 – October 24, 2022

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Monday, October 10, 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.

QuickAlerts – September 13, 2022

Subject: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) WSDL Packages for Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022 are Available

The Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) packages for AIR Production and AATS for Filing Season 2023/Tax Year 2022 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 2022" in the subject line. The email request should include the company name and the ACA TCC.

The Tax Year 2022 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.

QuickAlerts – September 26, 2022

Subject: New e-file Application Fingerprinting Process Implemented

ATTN: Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

Individuals are required to use the IRS authorized vendor for fingerprinting. Each new Principal and Responsible Official listed on a new e-file application or added to an existing application needing fingerprints, must schedule an appointment with the IRS authorized vendor.

Individuals requiring fingerprints can obtain the scheduling link by accessing the e-file Application Summary page and using the scheduling link on the Terms of Agreement Signature(s) & Personal Information section. This link will only be visible to each Principal and Responsible Official when the application is successfully submitted, and fingerprints are required.

Additional information about the new fingerprinting process can be found on the [Become an Authorized e-file Provider](#) webpage.

QuickAlerts – September 26, 2022

Subject: Completing Assurance Testing System Questionnaires

Attention: Software Developers and Transmitters

Beginning October 1, 2022, software developers will initiate Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires electronically by accessing their e-Services account at <https://www.irs.gov/e-services> and submitting questionnaires for each form they are testing.

Important notes to assist in completing questionnaires:

- Software developers must complete a questionnaire for each software package they are testing.
- The system will automatically issue the software identification number for each package once the questionnaire is complete.

- Software developers will continue the testing process with assigned e-help desk assistors.
- Existing software developers will continue to receive initial contact emails from their assigned e-help desk assistor at the start of testing.
- New software developers or those who did not participate in testing last year should contact the e-Help desk at 866-255-0654 when they are ready to test.
- To create or edit questionnaires, authorized users must be listed on the IRS e-File application and have one of the following roles:
 - Principal or user granted Principal Consent authority
 - Responsible Official or Delegate Users with **Add & Change Software Package Information authority granted** (this authority will be available September 26th).
- The IRS e-file application must be in **Completed** status with the Software Developer provider option in **Accepted** status to add a software package.
- Follow the steps below to complete the questionnaire:
 - sign into your IRS e-File application
 - select the **Software Packages** tab
 - select **Add Software Package**
 - complete the **Add Software Packages** pop-up
 - select **Save**

If you need additional assistance, contact the e-Help desk at 866-255-0654.

QuickAlerts – September 28, 2022

Subject: Wage and Income Transcripts Form 1120-S

There is an issue with the Transcript Delivery System (TDS) Wage and Income Transcripts for Form 1120-S, Schedule K-1, Shareholder's Share of Income, Deductions, Credits, etc. The transcript currently displays a zero for stock ownership

percentages for tax years 2020 and 2021. This issue is expected to be resolved in early January 2023.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

QuickAlerts – September 28, 2022

Subject: Migration of E-Services Sign-In for Affordable Care Act Information Returns (AIR) Applications

New Sign In Options

The IRS transitioned all e-Services tools to a new sign-in system that requires new users to register or sign in with ID.me, the current IRS credential service provider.

Existing users don't need to take any action at this time. E-Services users with an active IRS username may continue to sign in with their existing username and password.

The following AIR applications are impacted:

- User Interface (UI) ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS)
- User Interface (UI) Production System
- Automated Enrollment (AE) for ACA Providers

Users without an active IRS account, or an existing ID.me account, will need to register with ID.me to access AIR online applications.

The information within the applications will not change. For example, you will not need a new certificate, ACA Application for TCC, etc.

ID.me account holders can use their credentials across multiple IRS tools and at other government agencies.

Information regarding ID.me is also posted to the [Affordable Care Act Information Returns \(AIR\)](#) page on IRS.gov.

For questions and assistance regarding ID.me, please visit [Verifying for the Internal Revenue Service – ID.me Help Site](#)

QuickAlerts – September 29, 2022

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

ATTN: Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs

This is a reminder that all Online Providers must complete the annual self-certification questions beginning October 1, 2022, 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.