

QuickAlerts Messages August 2023

QuickAlerts – August 2, 2023

Subject: Information Returns (IR) Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC) after August 1, 2023

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

The August 1, 2023, deadline to initiate your application to claim your Transmitter Control Code (TCC), obtained prior to September 26, 2021 (also known as a legacy TCC), has passed.

If you **did not complete** your application by the deadline:

- You may use your existing TCC to transmit or retrieve your Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) System file status information for tax years 2021 and 2022, until November 26, 2023.
- Beginning January 2024, you will no longer be able to electronically file using your legacy TCC. **Exception:** If you are a non-U.S. customer filing Form 1042-S, and could not complete your application by August 1, 2023, your Form 1042-S TCC will remain available for filing.
- You have 90 days from the initial saved date to sign and complete an application that was saved by August 1, 2023. You must request all form types needed. If you delete a saved application to start over, you risk your ability to claim your existing TCC(s).

If you have the requirement to e-file, you must complete an IR Application for TCC to obtain new TCCs. Starting tax year 2023, if you have 10 or more information returns, you must file them electronically. Find details on [final e-file regulations](#) on IRS.gov.

To complete an IR application for TCC

- Validate your identity using the current IRS Credential Service Provider (CSP).
- Log into the [IR Application for TCC](#).
- Complete the online application.

Note: Until the application is in 'Completed' status, you must select 'Individual' on the 'Select Your Organization' page.

Visit [Filing Information Returns Electronically \(FIRE\)](#), 'What's New' – IR TCC Application for FIRE, for more information.

QuickAlerts – August 16, 2023

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Rules are Available.

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

Tax Year 2023 Processing Year 2024 Business Rules are available.

Current Year Business Rules Only:

- Form 94x Annual TY 2023v1.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Pages Only:

- Form 94x Annual TY 2023v1.0

Note: If only minor changes occur, Software Developers are not required to use the new version. If the major number changes, all software must reflect the new version.

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

You may have several messages in your account. Please open all of them to find the set you would like to download. After 60 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 – August 16, 2023

Subject: Posting ACA Information Returns (AIR) Schema and Business Rules Tax Year 2023v1.0 and ACA Assurance Test System (AATS) Scenarios

Attention: Software Developers and Return Transmitters

Version 1.0 of AIR schema and business rules for Tax Year 2023 are posted on irs.gov: Tax Year 2023 AIR Schema and Business Rules for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

AATS scenarios for Tax Year 2023 are posted to irs.gov: Tax Year 2023 AATS.

If you have any questions, please send them to the airmailbox@irs.gov.

QuickAlerts – August 17, 2023

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Window

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 7:00 am. until 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.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – August 17, 2023

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

The AIR Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) environments will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 8:00 p.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.

QuickAlerts – August 22, 2023

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

The FIRE System will be down for scheduled maintenance from Friday, September 1, 2023, at 9:00 am Eastern Time to Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 9:00 am Eastern Time.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – August 22, 2023

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Quick Alerts Subscription Available Now

Attention: Information Return Issuers, Software Developers and Transmitters

You can sign-up for IRIS Quick Alerts by visiting the link at [Subscribe To Quick Alerts | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](https://www.irs.gov/iris). Quick Alerts sends messages, within seconds, to keep Tax Professionals up to date on the events that affect Authorized IRS e-file Providers and Issuers/Payers, Transmitters and Software Developers who electronically file IRIS information returns. IRIS lets you e-file information returns using an online portal or bulk file using Application to Application (A2A). By signing up for the IRIS Quick Alerts subscription you will receive important messages about IRIS's electronic specifications, publications and system information needed for IRS e-file Providers and Issuers/Payers, Transmitters and Software Developers. To learn more about IRIS, visit www.irs.gov/iris.

QuickAlerts – August 23, 2023

Subject: Distribution of Modernized e-File (MeF) New Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs)

WSDLs for Tax Year 2023 / Processing Year 2024 are now available.

The new WSDLs are scheduled to be installed in the MeF Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment in early Fall of 2023. They will be required for MeF Production for Processing Year 2024.

Please use "la.alt" URL (la.alt.www4) for the ATS environment, and "la" main URL (la.www4) for the Production environment.

To receive the new WSDLs, send an email to the [MeF Mailbox](#). The email request must include your company name and ETIN. The requestor must be listed on the e-Services application to receive the WSDLs.

QuickAlerts – August 28, 2023

Subject: Document Upload

Reminder-

E-file Applicants and E-file Providers are encouraged to respond to correspondence by using the Document Upload Tool (DUT).

DUT is used to upload documents via an URL. If the correspondence includes the URL, you should respond using the web address.

If you use the DUT to respond to correspondence, there is no need to respond by mail or fax, as this may delay the processing of your response.