QuickAlerts – September 1, 2023

Subject: Form 1040 Series Business Rules and Schema are Available.

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

Tax Year 2023 / Processing Year 2024 Business Rules and Schema

· Form 1040 Series 2023v3.0

Tax Year 2022 / Processing Year 2024 Schema Only

· Form 1040 Series 2022v5.4

· Form 1040 Series 2022v5.5

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 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 irs.e-helpmail@irs.gov with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts – September 1, 2023

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 Years 2022/2023/2024 Processing Year 2024 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

• Form 720	TY 2024Q1v2.0
• Form 720	TY 2024Q2v2.0
• Form 720	TY 2024Q3v2.0
• Form 720	TY 2024Q4v2.0
• Form 990x	TY 2023v3.0
• Form 990-N	TY 2023v1.0

- Form 990-T   TY 2023v3.0
- Form 1041   TY 2023v3.0
- Form 1042   TY 2023v1.0
- Form 1065   TY 2023v3.0
- Form 1120x   TY 2023v3.0
- Form 1120-POL   TY 2023v3.0
- Form 4720   TY 2023v1.0
- Form 5227   TY 2023v1.0
- Form 5227   TY 2023v1.1
- Form 5330   TY 2023v1.0
- Form 8038-CP   TY 2024v1.0
- Form 8868   TY 2023v1.0
- Form 9465   CUv25.0

Business Rules Change Pages Only:

- Form 94x Annual   TY 2023v1.0

Prior Year Schemas Only:

- Form 1120x   TY 2022v5.3

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 990-T   TY 2022v7.1
- Form 1041   TY 2022v6.2
- Form 1120-POL   TY 2022v6.1

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules Change Page:

- Form 1041   TY 2022v6.1

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.

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- 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, 990, 1041, 1042, 1065, 1120, 4720, 5227, 5330, 8038-CP, 8868 and 9465.

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QuickAlerts – September 7, 2023

Subject: Scheduled Maintenance for the 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 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Saturday, September 9, 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 – September 11, 2023

Subject: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Production and ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) WSDL Packages for Filing Season 2024/Tax Year 2023 are Available

The Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) packages for AIR Production and AATS for Filing Season 2024/Tax Year 2023 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 2023" in the subject line. The email request should include the company name and the ACA TCC.

The Tax Year 2023 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 11, 2023

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting

Attention: Information Return Issuers, Software Developers and Transmitters

Please join us for an Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting. This call is intended for software developers, transmitters and states interested in the IRIS system.

The purpose is to provide IRIS-rated information that can better help users avoid unnecessary filing errors, address any known issues or workarounds and to provide important filing dates and deadlines. Please plan to join the webinar.

Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting

Wed, September 13

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Online event

QuickAlerts – September 14, 2023

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

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 12:01 am. until 1:00 pm. Eastern time.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – September 21, 2023

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Window

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Saturday, September 23, 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 – September 21, 2023

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

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, September 24, 2023, 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.

Subject: Tax Year 2023 Assurance Testing System Questionnaire

Attention: Software Developers and Transmitters

Tax Year 2023 Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires will be available October 2, 2023.

You are required to complete the MeF ATS Questionnaire for <u>each software package</u> that you are going to test.

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** Delegate Users with Add & Change Software Package Information authority granted.

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

- Sign into your [IRS e-file Application](#). Your application must be in completed status.
- Select **Organizational Role** from the Select Your Organization page.
- From the External Service Authorization Management landing page, select the **View/Edit** icon to access your completed application.
- Once in the application, select the **Software Packages** tab.
- Select **Add Software Package** toward the bottom of screen.
- Complete the **Add Software Package Information** pop-up.
- Once you have completed the required fields, select **Save**.

Note: If you have multiple packages, you will need to complete the pop-up multiple times.

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

QuickAlerts – September 27, 2023

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

ATS Cutover October 10, 2023 – October 23, 2023
MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time until Monday, October 23, 2023, 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 R10.7 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 23, 2023 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.

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

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable for the Application to Application (A2A) channel for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 12:01 am. until 1:00 pm. Eastern time.

All services will be unavailable for the Internet Filing Application (IFA) channel for MeF Production and Testing Systems on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 12:01 am. until 1:00 pm. Eastern time.

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