

## QuickAlerts Messages December 2024

### QuickAlerts–December 4, 2024

#### **Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working**

**Attention:** Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Please join us for IRIS Working Group Meeting. This call is intended for software developers, transmitters and states interested in the IRIS system.

The purpose of the call is to provide IRIS related information that can help users avoid filing errors, address known issues and workarounds, and provide important filing dates and deadlines. Please plan on attending the meeting.

**Note** - Working group link has been updated.

[IRIS Working Group Meeting](#)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Online event

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#### **Subject: Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown**

To prepare the system for the upcoming Filing Season for Tax Year 2024 and ensure that all Business Returns for the Tax Year 2023 e-filed through the MeF system are processed timely, the following Production shutdown and acknowledgment retrieval schedule has been established.

#### **Business MeF Production Shutdown Schedule**

Shutdown for "Send Submissions" only is scheduled to begin at 11:59 a.m. (noon) Eastern time, Tuesday, December 26, 2024.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Eastern time, Tuesday, December 26, 2024.

States can continue to use all the service requests necessary to retrieve and process state submissions in accordance with shutdown activities stated above. MeF recommends that states adjust their processing schedule in order to retrieve submissions in time to validate returns and submit acknowledgements.

Any acknowledgements not retrieved by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on December 26th cannot be accessed until MeF opens for production in January 2025.

Please note: MeF ATS (Assurance Testing System) will be operational during this cutover.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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##### **Subject: Corrected- Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production**

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#### QuickAlerts–December 10, 2024

**Subject:** IRS Publication 4163 “Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-File Providers for Business Returns” Available

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

Publication 4163 for Tax Year 2024 is now available on the [Modernized e-File \(MeF\) User Guides and Publications](#) page on IRS.gov.

This revision reflects tax returns processed in 2025; this includes 2022, 2023 and 2024 tax returns, and a few 2025 tax year returns.

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 [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and schema package(s) with tax year needed.

#### QuickAlerts–December 17, 2024

**Subject: Form 1040 Series Tax Year 2024, Business Rule Updates are available**

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

**Tax Year 2024/Processing Year 2025, Business Rule Change Pages Only:**

- Form 1040 and 1040-NR version 5.0

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

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#### QuickAlerts–December 17, 2024

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

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

**Tax Years 2023 and 2024/Processing Year 2025 Business Rules are available.**

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

- Form 1041 TY2024v2.0
- Form 1065 TY2024v5.0

- Form 990x TY2024v5.0
- Form 990-T TY2024v5.0
- Form 1120-POL TY2024v5.0
- Form 1120x TY2024v5.0

**Prior year Business Rules Change Pages (only):**

- Form 990x TY2023v6.0
- Form 990-T TY2023v8.0
- Form 1120-POL TY2023v8.0

**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.**

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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 990x, 990-T, 1041, 1065, 1120x, and 1120-POL.

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**QuickAlerts–December 17, 2024**

**Subject:** 2025 Filing Season for Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns

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

The IRS will begin accepting all business tax returns at 9 a.m. Eastern on January 15, 2025.

Please monitor the [MeF Status page](#) on IRS.gov for updates.

## QuickAlerts–December 20, 2024

### **Subject: Reminder - 1040 Modernized e-File (MeF) Production Shutdown**

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