QuickAlerts Messages October 2024

QuickAlerts–October 1, 2024

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, October 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 12:00 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.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–October 10, 2024

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 2023, 2024 and 2025 / Processing Year 2025 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 94x TY 2024v4.0
- Form 94x TY 2025v3.1
- Form 990x TY 2024v4.0
- Form 990-T TY 2024v4.0
- Form 1041 TY 2024v1.3
- Form 1042 TY 2024v2.0
- Form1065 TY 2024v4.0
- Form 1120x TY 2024v4.0
- Form 1120-POL TY 2024v4.0
- Form 5227 TY 2024v4.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Page (only):

- Form 1041 TY 2024v1.3

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 990x TY 2023v6.0
- Form 990-T TY 2023v8.0
- Form 1041 TY 2023v7.1
- Form 1065 TY 2023v5.3
- Form 1120-POL TY 2023v8.0

Prior Year Schema Change:

- Form 1120x TY 2023v5.3

Prior Year Business Rules Change Page (only):

- Form 94x TY 2023v3.0
- Form 1041 TY 2023v7.1

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.

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, 990x, 990-T, 1041, 1042, 1065, 1120x, 1120-POL, and 5227.

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–October 10,2024

Subject: Form 1040 Series Tax Year 2024, Business Rules and Schema are available

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

Tax Year 2024/Processing Year 2025, Business Rules and Schema

- Form 1040 Series 2024v4.0

Tax Year 2023/Processing Year 2024, Updated Business Rules and Schema

- Form 1040 Series 2023v5.3

Tax Year 2022/Processing Year 2023, Updated Business Rules

- Form 1040 Series 2022v5.5

Change Pages Only:

- Form 9465 CUv27.0

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–October 10,2024

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Schema and Business Rules are Available

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Tax Year 2024 IRIS Schema v1.1 and Business Rules v1.1 are available. There are no changes to TY2024 Schema v1.1. There are changes to Business Rules in v1.1.

Tax Year 2023 IRIS Schema and Business Rules v1.3 are available. There are no changes to TY2023 Schema v1.3. There are changes to Business Rules in v1.3.

Software Developers and State organizations may download IRIS schemas and Business Rules from their e-Services mailbox. To access these files, you must have:

- An active e-Services account
- An IRIS TCC application with the status “Completed”
- An IRIS TCC status of “Active”
- An IRIS role of “Software Developer” or business structure of “State Government Agency”, “Local Government Agency”, or “Federal Government Agency”

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.

Please visit the IRIS Schemas and Business Rules page on IRS.gov for more information about IRIS Schemas and Business Rules.

QuickAlerts–October 17, 2024

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

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 better help users avoid filing errors, address known issues and workarounds, and provide important filing dates and deadlines. Please plan on attending the meeting.

IRIS Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 13,2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Online event

QuickAlerts–October 17, 2024

Subject: IRS Publication 5719 "Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Test Package for Information Returns" Available

Attention: IRIS Software Developers and Return Transmitters

Publication 5719 for Processing Year 2025 is available on IRS.gov.

Examples for IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) are available on IRS.gov.

Beginning November 4, 2024, IRIS ATS for Tax Year 2024 will be available for testing.

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Note - Working group link has been updated.

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QuickAlerts–October 22, 2024

Subject: Extended Maintenance Scheduled for the Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

In preparation for Tax Year 2024/Filing Season 2025, the IRIS Application-To-Application (A2A) Assurance Testing System (ATS) environment Shutdown/Cutover for all transmissions will take place Sunday, October 27, 2024, beginning at 1:00 a.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern time.

The IRIS A2A ATS will be unavailable during this time. Please do not attempt to access the IRIS ATS environment.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–October 24, 2024

Subject: Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) System Automatic 30-Day Fill-in Extension of Time Requests Require a Transmitter Control Code (TCC)

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

To protect IRS systems, a transmitter control code (TCC) is now required to use the FIRE System automatic 30-day Fill-in extension of time. To use this option, you must complete an Information Returns (IR) Application for TCC, if you don't already have a TCC. When completing your application, you will not see an option for the Fill-in extension of time. You simply need to select the form type for which you will be requesting the extension. For assistance, review Publication 5911, IR Application for TCC Tutorial, located on the FIRE page on IRS.gov.

Don't wait, complete your application today to ensure you are ready for tax year 2024 filing season.

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QuickAlerts–October 29, 2024

Subject: Verify your Electronic Filing Identification Number (EFIN) activity and other e-file application information

Attn: **Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers/EROs**

Now that filing season is slowing down, this is a good time to review your e-file application information.

Your application information should be updated within 30 days of any business changes, such as names, address, or telephone number. To update the business changes, log into your e-file application through e-services, select your organization and then select the "Firm Information" tab located at the top of the screen. Additional updates can be made on the "Authorized User" tab. Resubmission of the application is required if adding or removing a Principal or Responsible Official.

You should also check your EFIN Status page. To check the EFIN status, log into your e-file application through e-services, select your organization and then select the “EFIN Status” tab located at the top of the screen. Make sure the summary of both the volume and activity of the returns e-filed in the last two years matches your records.

If you have any concerns or if you notice any discrepancies, call the e-help desk at 866-255-0654.

For more frequently asked questions about your EFIN please refer to Publication 3112, IRS *e-file* Application and Participation.

QuickAlerts–October 30, 2024

Subject: Secure Object Repository (SOR) Maintenance

Attention: e-Services Users

Maintenance is scheduled for the SOR database on Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM ET.

SOR mailboxes are expected to be unavailable during this maintenance window.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you,

IRS e-Services Team

QuickAlerts–October 30, 2024

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Thank you,

IRS e-Services Team

QuickAlerts–October 30, 2024

Subject: Affordable Care Act Information Return (AIR) ACA Assurance Testing System (AATS) Opening Date

ATTN: Transmitters, Software Developers, and Issuers

The AATS environment will be available beginning Friday, November 1, 2024, at 9 a.m. Eastern time, for Filing Season 2025/Tax Year 2024 testing, which includes Tax Year(s) 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Beginning November 1, 2024, Tax Year 2024 will be the current year in AATS. Tax Year(s) 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 will be accepted as prior year returns in AATS.

Updates regarding the status of the AIR System will also be noted on the AIR Operational Status page.

QuickAlerts–October 30, 2024

Subject: Secure Object Repository (SOR) Maintenance

Attention: e-Services Users

Maintenance is scheduled for the SOR database on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET.

SOR mailboxes are expected to be unavailable during this maintenance window.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you,

IRS e-Services Team

QuickAlerts–October 31, 2024

Subject: Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Available

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Beginning Monday, November 4, 2024, at 9:00 am EST, IRIS ATS will be available for testing for Tax Year 2024/Processing Year 2025.

Tax Year 2024 will be the current year in IRIS ATS. Tax Year(s) 2023 and 2022 will be accepted as prior year returns.

QuickAlerts–October 31, 2024

Subject: IRS Publication 5718 "Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Electronic Filing Application to Application (A2A) Specifications" Available

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return Transmitters

Publication 5718 for Processing Year 2025 is now available on **IRS.gov**.