# QuickAlerts Messages September 2024

### QuickAlerts–September 4,2024

**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, September 5, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. Eastern time until Saturday, September 7, 2024, 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 12, 2024

**Subject:**  ACA Information Returns (AIR) Schema and Business Rules Tax Year 2024 v1.0 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 2024 are posted on IRS.gov TY2024 AIR Schema for the following forms: 1094-B, 1095-B, 1094-C, and 1095-C.

AATS Scenarios for Tax Year 2024 are posted to IRS.gov AATS TY2024.

### QuickAlerts–September 12,2024

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

The MeF Production System will be unavailable on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 7:00 am. until 8:00 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 14, 2024

**Subject:** Modernized e-File (MeF) System Update

The MeF maintenance scheduled on Saturday, September 14, 2024, has been completed successfully. The Production and Testing systems are fully operational for all the service requests.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## QuickAlerts–September 24, 2024

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

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

As of September 22, 2024, IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) is available for tax year 2023, processing year 2024.

We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## QuickAlerts–September 26, 2024

**Subject:** Tax year 2024 Assurance Testing System Questionnaire

**Attention:** Software Developers and Transmitters

Tax Year 2024 Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires will be available October 1, 2024.

You are required to complete the MeF ATS Questionnaire for each software package 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** button (located toward the bottom of the 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.

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

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## QuickAlerts–September 27,2024

**Subject:** Annual Self Certification 2024 and 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, 2024, 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 the 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.

## QuickAlerts–September 27, 2024

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

**ATS Cutover October 15, 2024 – October 28, 2024**

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time until Monday October 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time.

The ATS environment will be available for TY 2024 testing starting on Monday, October 28th.

Please refrain from accessing the testing system during this maintenance window.

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

**Important Notes**

- New R10.8 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 20, 2024, 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.