

QuickAlerts Messages November 2023

QuickAlerts – November 1, 2023

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

1040 MeF Production Shutdown Schedule

Shutdown begins on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, to prepare the system for the upcoming Tax Year 2023 Filing Season.

Important Note: Only "Send Submissions" for 1040 (both State and Federal) will be affected by this shutdown, all other services such as "Get Acks" and all state services will not be affected by the shutdown and users should be able to continue to use those services.

Shutdown Deadlines on Saturday, November 18, 2023

Transmitters:

Transmitting 1040 Submissions (State & Federal) 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.

Important Note: Business (BMF) returns are not impacted by this IMF Production Shutdown schedule.

The BMF Production Shutdown schedule will be communicated in a QuickAlerts bulletin, outlining the exact timeframes, in early December and the times will be posted on the MeF Operational Status page.

Please monitor the [MeF Operational Status](#) page for any updates. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts – November 6, 2023

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

Attention: Software Developers and Information Return 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-related 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](#)

Wednesday, November 8th

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Online event

QuickAlerts – November 10, 2023

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QuickAlerts—November 13, 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 2023 and 2024 / Processing Year 2024 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 1120X 2023v5.0
- Form 1065 2023v5.0
- Form 94x Annual 2023v2.0
- Form 990x 2023v4.0
- Form 990-T 2023v5.0
- Form 1120-POL 2023v5.0
- Form 8868 2023v2.0
- Form 5227 2023v3.0
- Form 1041 2023v5.0
- Form 9465 CUv26.0

Current Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 720 Q1-Q4 2024v2.1

Prior Year Business Rules Change Pages (only):

- Form 1120x 2022v5.3
- Form 1120X 2021v4.4
- Form 1065 2022v4.2
- Form 1065 2021v4.4
- Form 720 Q1 2023v2.2
- Form 720 Q2-Q4 2023v3.0
- Form 720 Q1 2022v2.1
- Form 720 Q2 2022v2.2
- Form 720 Q3-Q4 2022v3.1
- Form 7004 2022v1.0

Prior Year Schema (only):

- Form 1065 2022v4.3

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 1120x, 1065, 990x, 990-T, 1120-POL, 8868, 5227, 1041, 94x, 9465, 720, 7004.

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 – November 16, 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 2023v5.0
- Form 9465 CUv26.0

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 – November 22, 2023

Subject: Get Your Transmitter Control Code (TCC) to Electronically File Information Returns

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

If you obtained your TCC prior to September 26, 2021 (also known as a legacy TCC), and you have not completed an Information Returns (IR) Application for TCC, you will not be prepared to electronically file via the Filing Information Return Electronically (FIRE) System in January 2024.

If you **did not complete** your application by August 1, 2023:

- You may use your existing (legacy) 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 or Form 1099 series information returns, your TCC(s) will remain available for filing.

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

- Go to the [IR Application for TCC](#) page.
- Validate your identity – sign in to your existing ID.me account or create your new ID.me account.
- 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.

You also have the option to use the [Information Returns Intake System \(IRIS\)](#), to electronically file any Form 1099 for tax year 2022 and later.

FIRE and IRIS are independent systems, they each have their own application process and TCC. The TCCs are not interchangeable. You decide which system best meets your needs.

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QuickAlerts – November 29, 2023

Subject: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Information Returns (AIR) Shutdown/Cutover and Maintenance Schedule

Attention: AIR Participants - Transmitters, Software Developers and Issuers

Production

In order to prepare for Filing Season 2024/Tax Year 2023, the **AIR Production environment Shutdown/Cutover** for all transmissions, including corrections and replacements, will begin on:

Monday, December 11, 2023, 7:00 a.m. Eastern time

Please do not attempt to access the AIR Production environment via the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) channels during the Shutdown/Cutover period.

We'll provide the **AIR Production environment Start-up** date/time at a later date via a QuickAlerts bulletin. An Alert will also be posted on the [AIR Operational Status](#) page.

AIR Assurance Testing System (AATS)

The **AIR AATS environment** will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance from:

Monday, December 11, 2023, 7:00 a.m. Eastern time until Friday, December 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time

Please do not attempt to access the AIR AATS environment via the A2A and UI channels during the maintenance period.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts – November 30, 2023

Subject: Business Modernized e-File (MeF) Production

To prepare the system for the upcoming Filing Season for Tax Year 2023 and ensure that all Business Returns for the Tax Year 2022 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, 2023.

Transmitters can continue to use the other service requests except "Send Submissions" until 11:59 p.m. (midnight) Eastern time, Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

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 2024.

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

The Business Rules packages identified below were incomplete or were missing certain Business Rules. We are providing the Schemas associated with each package listed below, but no changes were made to the schemas.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 940 Annual 2023v1.0 (no changes)
- Form 943 Annual 2023v1.0
- Form 944 Annual 2023v1.0
- Form 945 Annual 2023v1.0 (no changes)
- Form 943 Annual 2023v2.0

Updated Current Year Business Rules:

- Form 1065 2023v5.0

Prior Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 940 Annual 2022v2.0 (no changes)
- Form 943 Annual 2022v2.0
- Form 944 Annual 2022v2.0
- Form 945 Annual 2022v2.0

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