

QuickAlerts Messages September 2025

QuickAlerts–September 16,2025

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

ATS Cutover September 29, 2025 – October 14, 2025

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Monday, September 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time.

The ATS environment will be available for TY 2025 testing starting on Tuesday, October 14th.

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

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

Important Notes

- New R10.9 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 15, 2025, 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.
- A new version of the A2A Toolkit will be released prior to the ATS startup. This release contains updated WSDLs and is a mandatory upgrade for all ATS users. All A2A Toolkit users will be notified by email with instructions on how to download and install the new version.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–September 25, 2025

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Maintenance Window

All services except "SendSubmissions" will be unavailable in the MeF production and assurance testing systems on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 7:00 am. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

QuickAlerts–September 25, 2025

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

Updated Schedule:

ATS Cutover October 3, 2025 – October 14, 2025

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Friday, October 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time.

The ATS environment will be available for Tax Year 2025 testing starting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 9:01 a.m. Eastern time.

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QuickAlerts–September 26, 2025

Subject: Form 1040 Series Tax Years 2023 and 2024, updated Schemas are available

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

Tax Years 2023 and 2024/Processing Year 2025 updated Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2023v5.6
- Form 1040 Series 2024v5.5

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

QuickAlerts–September 26, 2025

Subject: Form 1040 Series and Extensions Tax Year 2025, Business Rules and Schema are available

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

Tax Years 2025/Processing Year 2026, Business Rules and Schema:

- Form 1040 Series 2025v4.0
- Form 2350 2025v3.0
- Form 4868 2025v3.0

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QuickAlerts–September 26, 2025

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, 2024 & 2025. Processing Year 2026 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 720 Q1-Q4 TY2026v2.0
- Form 94x (Quarterly) TY2026v3.0 including amended
- Form 94x (Annual) TY2025v3.0 including amended

- Form 1041 TY2025v4.0
- Form 1065 TY2025v4.0
- Form 1120x TY2025v4.0
- Form 2290 TY2025v2.0
- Form 7004 TY2025v1.0
- Form 990x TY2025v3.0
- Form 990T TY2025v4.0
- Form 1120POL TY2025v3.0
- Form 4720 TY2025v2.0
- Form 5227 TY2025v3.0
- Form 5330 TY2025v2.0
- Form 8868 TY2025v2.0
- Form 8038CP TY2026v2.0

Current Year Business Rules (only):

- Form 94X (Quarterly) TY2026v3.0
- Form 94X (Annual) TY2025v3.0

Prior Year Schema and Business Rules:

- Form 94x (Quarterly) TY2023v2.2 including amended
- Form 94x (Annual) TY2023v3.1 including amended
- Form 1041 TY2024v4.3
- Form 1065 TY2024v5.5
- Form 990x TY2024v5.5
- Form 990T TY2024v5.5
- Form 1120POL TY2024v5.5

Prior Year Schemas (only):

- Form 1120x TY2024v5.5

Prior Year Business Rules Change Page (only):

- Form 720 Q1-Q4 TY2025v2.0
- Form 720 Q1-Q4 TY2024v3.0
- Form 1041 TY2023v7.2
- Form 1065 TY2023v5.4
- Form 2290 TY2024v1.0
- Form 2290 TY2023v1.0

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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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 720, 94x (*Quarterly*), 94x (*Annual*), 94X (*Quarterly*), 94X (*Annual*), 990-T, 990x 1041, 1065, 1120, 1120POL, 2290, 4720, 5227, 5330, 7004, 8038CP and 8868.

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QuickAlerts–September 29, 2025

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 2, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. Eastern time until Saturday, October 4, 2025, 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 30, 2025

Subject: Annual Self Certification 2025 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, 2025, 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 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.