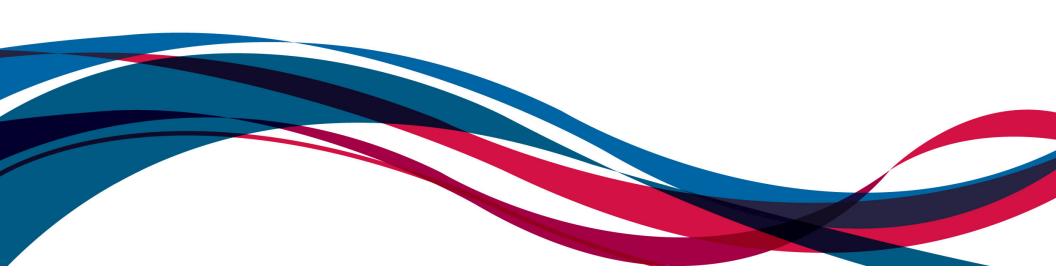


Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Working Group Meeting

Date: November 12, 2025





Agenda

- Welcome
- Updates
- Known Issues
- Resources

Mics and Chat have been muted.

The PowerPoint will be posted to www.irs.gov/IRIS after the meeting.

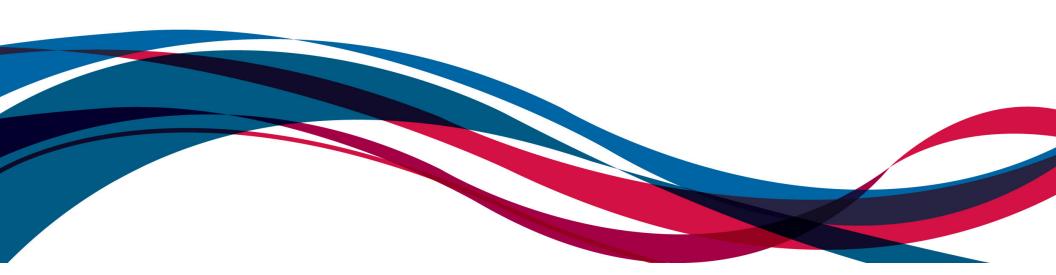
During today's meeting we will open the chat to answer questions relating to the IRIS system only. Please keep your questions within the IRIS scope. If you have a question that refers to some of our other Information Return Filing options, you can find more information at www.irs.gov/filing/e-file-information-returns.

We will do our best to address IRIS questions as they are posted in the chat. We may not be able to provide a response to some IRIS questions during the meeting as research may be needed. If we do not get to your IRIS question today, we will post the answer to IRIS related WGM questions at www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/iris-working-group-meetings-and-notes.

Thank you for your participation and questions.



Updates





TY2025 Shutdown/Cutover

IRIS Production

Taxpayer Portal and A2A for all transmissions

- ➤ Shutdown will begin began on December 03, 2025, at 12:00 a.m. Eastern time.
- Please do not attempt to access the IRIS Production environment via the Application to Application (A2A) and/or Taxpayer Portal channels during the shutdown/cutover period.
 - This includes corrections and replacements.
- Filing Season 2026 will open the beginning of January.
 - We will provide the IRIS Production environment start-up date/time later via a QuickAlerts bulletin.
 - Please monitor the IRIS Status page for any updates.

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS)

The IRIS ATS environment is available now for TY25/PY26.



Checking Operational Status



Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Operational Status

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The Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) system is a mountaine system unaureceives information through two intake channels: IRIS Tax Jayer Portal/UI and IRIS Application to Application (A2A).

You can e-file information returns for tax year 2022 and later with the Information Returns Intake System (IRIS). The system also less you file corrections and request automatic extensions.

For system availability, check IRIS status.

Get solutions to known issues.

IRIS 101: Introductory Presentation PDF – You can access the introductory presentation that was shared during our IRIS 101 stakeholder call and walk through the necessary information to better understand the new IRIS Modernized System.

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) Shutdown/Cutover for Tax Year 2024/Filing Season 2025

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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.

Please do not attempt to access the IRIS ATS environment during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Taxpayer Portal: Operational

Application-To-Application (A2A): Operational

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS): Not Operational

For more information, see E-file Forms 1099 With IRIS.

IRIS Operational Status



Schema Package

- ➤ Tax Year 2025 IRIS Schema and Business Rules were made available in the Secure Object Repository (SOR) November 6, 2025.
 - ➤ No changes to schemas or business rules

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



Added Forms TY25/PY26

Form	Title
1042-S	Foreign Person's U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding *Domestic filers only
1099-DA Only accepted through IRIS	Digital Asset Proceeds from Broker Transaction
5498-QA	ABLE Account Contribution Information

No action is needed to add the 3 forms to your IRIS TCC profile

- No additional IRIS TCC is needed
- ➤ The "Forms and Transmission Method" will display "Form 1099 Series"
- ➤ The "Application Details" section of the application will be automatically updated to reflect the addition of the 3 forms



TY25/PY26 IRIS ATS

- The IRIS ATS environment is available for Processing Year 2026.
- ➤ Tax Year 2025 is the current year in IRIS ATS.
 - Tax Year(s) 2024, 2023 and 2022 will be accepted as prior year returns.
- ➤ If you wish to have your Software tested and reviewed for a prior year, you must use the schema for that year.



IRIS A2A ATS

IRIS Assurance Testing System (ATS) refers to the process used to test software and electronic transmissions prior to accepting forms into the IRIS A2A Production System.

- Software Developers/Issuers/Transmitters are required to test every year.
- Software Developers must pass IRIS ATS for the tax year(s) that the software package(s) will support.
- Issuers/Transmitters must pass a communication test.
- Scenarios are located at <u>www.irs.gov/IRISATS</u>
- > IRIS ATS does not support stress or load testing.

Refer to Publication 5719, Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Test Package for Information Returns, for more details.



IRIS ATS Reminders

IRIS communication test uses your Transmitter TCC.

If testing software, use your SWD TCC.

Always use your Transmitter Name and EIN from the application in the Transmitter Group.

- IRIS Schemas use "Issuer" to identify Payer/Filer and "Recipient" to identify Payee.
- Each Issuer and Recipient Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) within the IRIS ATS Environment will use a generic digit combination created by the filer that will begin with three zeros (Ex: 000-11-1111 or 00-0111111).



IRIS ATS Reminders

Each submission must have a status of "Accepted" to pass ATS successfully.

- Software developers will create files using their own test data.
 - ➤ 1 Transmission, 5 submissions w/2 unique recipients for a total of 10 records must be included in the test file.
 - If participating in CF/SF program at least one record should include this information.
 - If supporting corrections, a second "Accepted" transmission with one submission and one record is needed.
- > Transmitters will use their own test data to create a communications test.
 - Must use approved software that has passed IRIS ATS.
 - ➤ 1 Transmission, 1 submission w/2 unique recipients must be included in the test file.

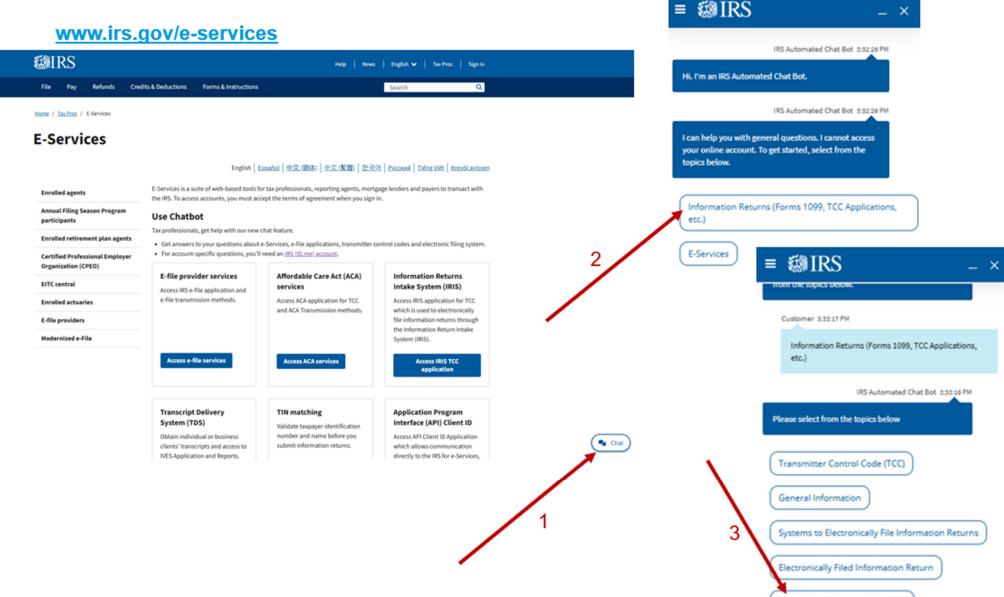


IRS Automated Chatbot

- The IRS Automated Chatbot helps people quickly answer basic questions about different tax topics.
- The chatbot use either guided help through choice buttons or an open text box for a customized question.
- ➤ To launch the chatbot, simply click on the "Chat" button in the lower right corner of the webpage.
- Chatbot is available 24/7.
- ➤ Escalation to live chat is available Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. E.T.
- Get answers to your questions about transmitter control codes and filing information returns electronically.
- For account-specific questions, you need an IRS (ID.me) account.
- www.irs.gov/e-services



IRIS ATS Chatbot



Assurance Testing System (ATS)



Search Type Cd

- SearchTypeCd = A for an 'Acknowledgement request'. =S for 'Status Request'
- ➤ SearchParamenterType = UTID or RID...The UTID will now pull the RID for the transmitter. This will allow them to find the RIDs based on the UTIDs they create.
- SearchID = UTID or RID they are searching for

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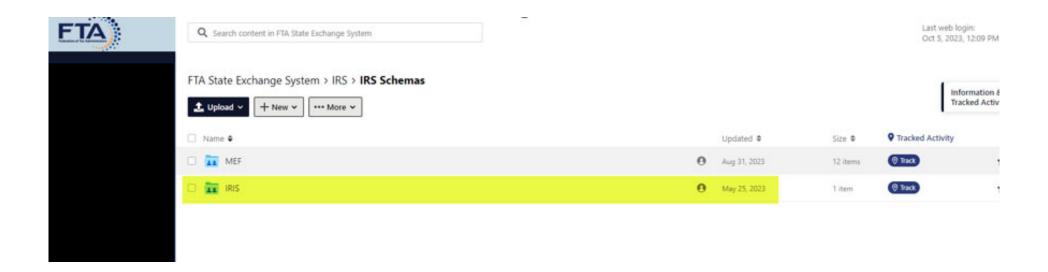
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Acknowledgement Response will show the transmitter the errors from their 'SubmissionResultGrp' along with their status and RID from the 'TransmissionResultGrp'



State Schemas

➤ The IRIS schema folder is available to states in the FTA State Exchange system (SES)





Maintaining your TCC Application

- Once you have completed the IRIS TCC Application process and received your TCC, it is important that you keep your account up-to-date. This includes:
 - Reviewing your TCC Application periodically.
 - Ensuring proper individuals are identified on the application.
 - Update as necessary by adding any new Responsible Officials or Contacts.
 - Updating any address changes needed both business and mailing.

TIP: Log in and review during off peak times



Questions

Chat is now open for questions.



Help desk

Contact the help desk Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ET. Listen to all menu options.

- Toll-free: 866-937-4130
- International: 470-769-5100
- TTY/TDD: 866-937-4130 The IRS welcomes calls via your choice of relay
- Meetings are not recorded. The PowerPoint and Questions and Answers will be posted to the IRIS working group meetings and notes webpage at www.irs.gov.
- IRS is targeting the retirement of the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) system at the end of December 2026.

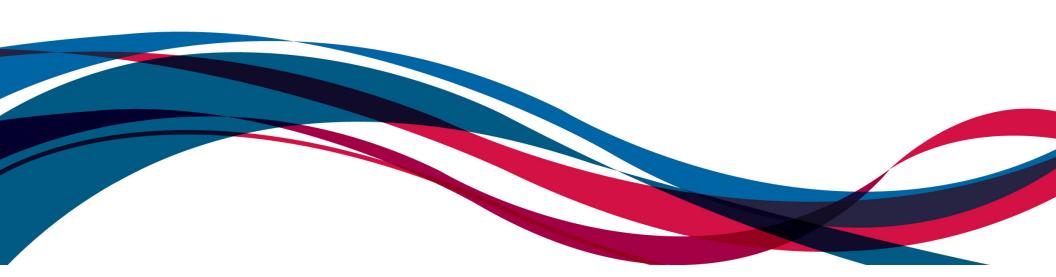


Recurring Questions

- Correction Process for forms originally filed through FIRE
 - Until FIRE retires in 2027, corrections must be filed in the same system the original form was transmitted.
 - Guidance will be provided in a future working group.
 - Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.
 - FIRE file format vs IRIS file format.
 - FIRE uses American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII).
 - ➤ IRIS uses eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- Will foreign filers have the ability to apply for an IRIS TCC?
 - More information for foreign entities will be provided in a future working group.
- Will all states that accept the CF/SF, accept the IRIS schema format when the IRIS forwards the records on to the state?
 - ➤ IRS combines data for participating states in one file that includes data from FIRE and IRIS. The CF/SF program will continue to make the files available to the states in the same format that is currently provided.
 - Additional information will be provided about CF/SF program in future IRIS Working Group Sessions.



Working Group Resources





Prior Topics Currently Under Review

Topic	Update
Retirement of FIRE, AIR, etc.	IRS is targeting the retirement of the Filing Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) system at the end of December 2026. IRIS will be the only intake system available for FIRE related forms and the 1099-DA forms beginning in January 2027. We encourage you to make the transition from FIRE to IRIS. AIR retirement TBD
Update IRIS Taxpayer Portal to display Transmissions with a Transmission Type Column showing Original/Replacement/Corrections to allow filers to easily see the transmission type for each Receipt ID	No updates
Masking/Truncations of Recipient TIN on Taxpayer Portal PDFs	No updates
Add Business Name Line 2 on Taxpayer Portal PDFs.	No updates
Taxpayer Portal PDF Zip Files, Add a column to display the name for each PDF on Taxpayer Portal	No updates
Display/print three (3) recipient copies per page on Taxpayer Portal PDFs. This will reduce the number of pages the filer needs to print and mail to the recipient.	No updates



Resources

Publication 5717 - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Taxpayer Portal User Guide

Publications

<u>Publication 5718</u> - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Electronic Filing Application to Application (A2A) Specifications

<u>Publication 5719</u> - Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) Test Package for Information Returns

www.irs.gov/inforeturn - a website that provides an overview of the three different intake channels (FIRE, AIR and IRIS)

Websites

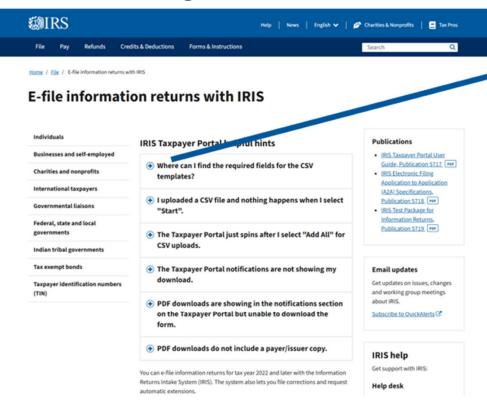
www.irs.gov/iris - a website that provides general information about IRIS

<u>www.irs.gov/irisats</u> and <u>www.irs.gov/irisschema</u> - websites that provide information about Assurance Testing System (ATS) for the Application to Application (A2A) filer for IRIS



IRIS Taxpayer Portal Hints

www.IRS.gov/IRIS



Portal hints are located at the top of the IRIS landing page

IRIS Taxpayer Portal helpful hints

Where can I find the required fields for the CSV templates? The CSV file formatting guidelines are provided on the Taxpayer Portal. On the dashboard click the Upload CSV with Form Data tile, then on the right side of the next page under FAQ, #8 has the template formatting guidelines. You may download the formatting guidelines for each form Tips for troubleshooting CSV errors are provided in Publication 5717 (Rev. 9-2024). I uploaded a CSV file and nothing happens when I select "Start". Confirm the file is saved as a CSV file. After uploading the file, a blue box should appear with the title "Current Uploaded File". The blue box will include the name of your file. If your file is not listed, please refresh your page and try uploading again. If your file name is in the blue box and there are no issues, the 'Start' button will turn blue to indicate it is active. The Taxpayer Portal just spins after I select "Add All" for CSV uploads. • The Taxpayer Portal notifications are not showing my download. PDF downloads are showing in the notifications section on the Taxpayer Portal but unable to download the form.

+ PDF downloads do not include a payer/issuer copy.

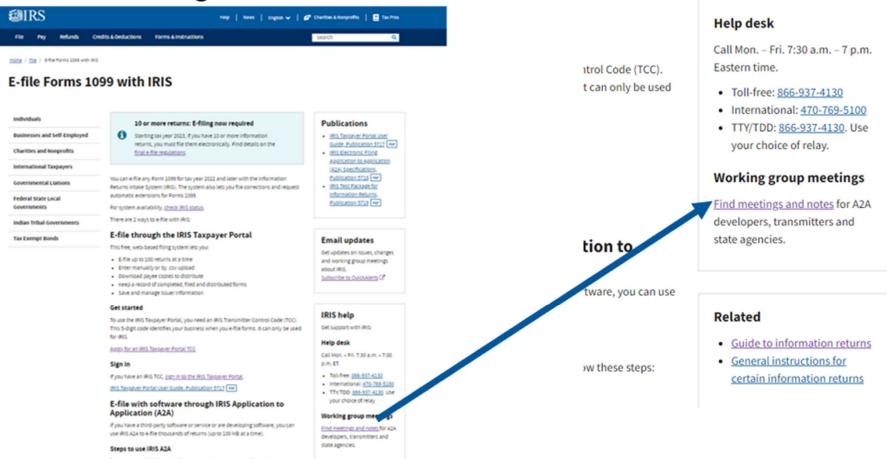


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IRIS working group meetings and notes

Enrolled agents	The IRS holds monthly working group meetings to provide updates and support for the Information Returns Intake System (IRIS). The meeting is for software
Annual Filing Season Program participants	developers, transmitters and state agencies interested in the IRIS Application to Application (A2A) intake system.
Enrolled retirement plan agents	Meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. Eastern time .
Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO)	We publish meeting notes afterward.
organization (CFEO)	Join a meeting
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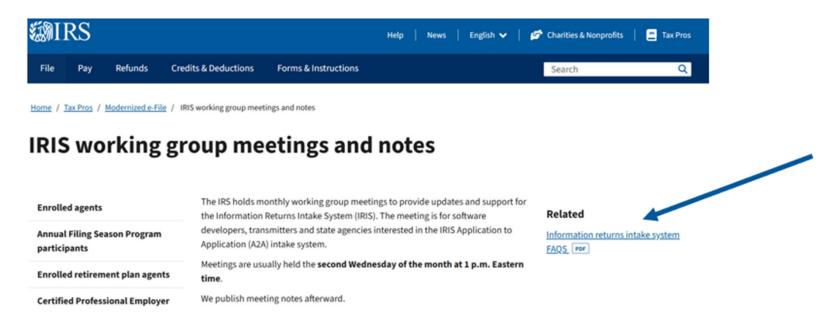
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