

QuickAlerts Messages October 2025

QuickAlerts–October 1,2025

Subject: Tax year 2025 Assurance Testing System Questionnaire

Attn: Software Developers and Transmitters

Tax Year 2025 Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) questionnaires will be available October 1, 2025.

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**.
- 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.

QuickAlerts–October 9,2025

Subject: New Modernized e-File (MeF) Business Returns Schema and Business Rules for Form 1042 are Available

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

Tax Year 2025. Processing Year 2026 Schemas and Business Rules are available.

Current Year Schemas and Business Rules:

- Form 1042 TY2025v1.0
- Form 1042 TY2025v2.0
- Form 1042 TY2025v3.0

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

- An e-File application with the Software Developer or State provider option with the associated tax type of 1042

Please visit the [Modernized e-file \(MeF\) Schemas and Business Rules](#) page on IRS.gov for more information about 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 the [MeF Mailbox](#) with the Company Name, ETIN and Schema Package(s) with Tax Year needed.

QuickAlerts–October 9,2025

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

Updated Schedule:

ATS Cutover October 3, 2025 – October 10, 2025

MeF ATS will be unavailable beginning Friday, October 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time until Tuesday, October 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time.

ATS is scheduled to open on October 10, 2025, 9:00am EST. Testing will begin on October 14, 2025, 9:00am EST. If you submit the scenarios for review earlier than the 14th, they will be treated as though they were received on the 14th.

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–October 15,2025

Subject: AATS Shutdown/Cutover for Filing Season 2026/Tax Year 2025

The AATS environment will be unavailable beginning Wednesday, 10/29/2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern time through Monday, 11/3/2025, at 9 a.m. Eastern time.

IRS will update AATS programming for Filing Season 2026/Tax Year 2025 during that time. Please do not attempt to access the Application to Application (A2A) and User Interface (UI) Channels during the Shutdown period.

The AATS environment will be available beginning Monday, 11/3/2025, at 9 a.m. Eastern time, for Filing Season 2026/Tax Year 2025 testing, which includes Tax Year(s) 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Beginning 11/3/2025, Tax Year 2025 will be the current year in AATS. Tax Year(s) 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 will be accepted as prior year returns in AATS.

The Production environment will still be available during the AATS Shutdown, except for the routine maintenance window that occurs each Sunday. Tax Year 2024 is still the current year in Production. Tax Year(s) 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are still accepted as prior year returns in Production.

QuickAlerts–October 23, 2025

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

1040 MeF Production Shutdown Update

The Individual tax returns production shutdown has been extended this year. It will now take place in December to align with the Business tax returns shutdown.

A detailed MeF production shutdown schedule, including both Individual tax returns shutdown and Business tax returns shutdown timelines, will be announced in a future QuickAlerts bulletin. Specific shutdown times will also be posted on the [MeF Operational Status](#) page.