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## IRS revises system for filing information returns electronically

The IRS today issued a release announcing upcoming changes to the “filing information returns electronically” (FIRE) application process for new users.

According to today’s [IRS release](#), the new online Information Returns (IR) Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC) is scheduled to deploy on September 26, 2021. The new application will be available on the IRS website and will replace both the current Form 4419 and the fill-in Form 4419 on the FIRE system.

- New users will be required to authenticate their identities and create a new account through IRS Secure Access Account to access the new online IR Application for TCC.
- Existing Secure Access (SA) users will be able to use their existing SA account.

Any filer—including corporations, partnerships, employers, estates and trusts—that files 250 or more Forms 1097, 1042-S, 1098, 1099, 3921, 3922, 5498, 8027, 8955-SSA or W-2G for any calendar year must file their information returns electronically.

Today’s IRS release concludes that in late 2022, existing FIRE users will be required to transition to a stronger identity-proofing authentication process. The target timeframe is in the autumn of 2022.

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