



The IRS released a bulletin regarding contact information of the Responsible Officer and the Point of Contact

Closing the distance

On September 26, 2018, the IRS issued a [bulletin](#) stating that the FATCA registration must always be updated with the current name and email address of the responsible officer ("RO") and point of contact ("POC") immediately upon occurrence of any change in these details.

In the course of FATCA registration, the filing person is asked to specify the name and contact information of an RO and a POC. The requested contact information includes RO and POC mailing and email addresses as well as telephone numbers.

The IRS needs this information to communicate with the RO and POC for reasons including but not limited to certifications, general inquiries and other FATCA compliance matters. The Financial Institution is responsible for ensuring that it can receive email and message notifications from the IRS.

The IRS sends notices to the entity's FATCA registration system message board regarding potential actions that may be taken on the account. After the IRS issues such notice, the RO will receive an email notification. It is the Financial Institution's responsibility to ensure that it receives any message sent to the message board and that the RO's email address is accurate.

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