

IDES enrollment process for USWAs, TFIs, vendors and third party preparers is now available

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International Data Exchange Services (“IDES”) enrollment process for U.S. Withholding Agents (“USWAs”), Territory Financial Institutions (“TFIs”), commercial software vendors, and third party preparers is now available

On May 8, 2015, the IRS **posted instructions on the IRS webpage** for IDES enrollment for users that are required to report through IDES but are not required to obtain a Global Intermediary Identification Number (“GIIN”). These users, which include USWAs, TFIs, commercial software vendors, and third party preparers, are now able to obtain a FATCA Identification Number (“FIN”), a 19-character identifier that will allow users to enroll and access IDES. Users must consent to IRS publication on the Foreign Financial Institution (“FFI”) List when requesting a FIN because it constitutes confidential return information. The FIN must appear on the June FFI List for users to enroll in IDES in time for reporting. **Users must register for a FIN by May 20, 2015 in order to report by the June 29, 2015, deadline.**

The IRS also posted ten new FAQs and four updated FAQs on the **FATCA IDES Technical FAQs webpage**. These new and updated FAQs address a range of IDES questions and include three questions relevant to IDES users not required to obtain a GIIN to assist with enrollment and XML Schema completion. Users should reference these questions for further information beyond that which is available on the **IDES Resources webpage**.

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