



IRS extends acceptance period for February 2014 version of Form W-8BEN-E

Closing the distance

On October 21, 2016, the IRS released an [announcement](#) extending the acceptance period for the [February 2014 version of Form W-8BEN-E](#) until January 1, 2017. After the issuance of an updated version of a withholding certificate, the general acceptance period for a prior version is six months after the revision month listed on the updated withholding certificate. With the release of the [April 2016 version of Form W-8BEN-E](#), the February 2014 version acceptance period was expected to extend through the end of October 2016. The February 2014 version may now be accepted through the end of the year, and withholding agents may rely on such a form until the validity period expires or there is a change in circumstances.

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