



## IRS updates FATCA FFI Registration System for FFIs to renew their agreements with the IRS

### Closing the distance

On June 6, 2017, the IRS announced that the [FATCA FFI Registration System](#) has been updated to allow Foreign Financial Institutions (“FFIs”) to renew their FFI agreements. This renewal is required for FFIs in Model 2 Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) and non-IGA jurisdictions as well as FFIs in Model 1 IGA jurisdictions that are operating branches outside of Model 1 jurisdictions. These requirements are outlined on a table of guidelines within the “Renew FFI Agreement” portion of the registration. The renewal must occur by July 31, 2017, and those who are required to renew but do not by the deadline “will be treated as having terminated their FFI agreement as of January 1, 2017, and may be removed from the FFI List.”

All FFIs currently registered on the IRS FFI Registration System have or will shortly be receiving messages reminding them to renew their FFI agreements, and these messages are not limited to only those FFIs for which renewal is required. To avoid any system errors, it is recommended that FFIs for which renewal is not required still log in, select “Renew FFI agreement,” and respond “no” to change the status to “renewal not required.”

The instructions for renewal are contained in the updated FATCA Online Registration User Guide ([Publication 5118](#)), and additional topics are addressed on the FATCA Registration System FAQs [webpage](#).

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