



## IRS updates FATCA Notification XML Schema and announces IDES testing dates

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#### **IRS updates FATCA Notification XML Schema v2.3 and announces International Data Exchange Service (“IDES”) testing dates for FATCA XML Schema v2.0**

On December 1, 2016, the IRS updated the [IRS FATCA Notification XML Schema v2.3](#), which is the schema outlining the data elements and data types for FATCA error notifications. Version 2.3 includes error notification codes at the file and record level for FATCA XML Schema v2.0 and for Nil Reports. As with the FATCA XML Schema v2.0, the notification schema will be used starting January 2017.

To allow users to test file uploads using the new FATCA XML Schema v2.0, IDES will be open for testing from Monday, December 19, 2016 at 8:00 AM EST to Monday, January 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM EDT. To participate in this phase of testing, users will need to complete IDES enrollment before Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5:00 EST. Additional information on testing is available on the [IDES Testing Schedule](#) webpage.

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