



What Do the ACA IRS E-Filing Statuses Mean?



You've completed your IRS 1095-C forms for a tax year, submitted them with the 1094-C form to the IRS electronically through e-Filing, and have received a "status" response from the IRS. What does that status mean?

Here are translated explanations of the four different statuses from the IRS and the action you will need to take:

Status	Translation	Action Needed
<i>Processing</i>	This status simply means that the transmission has not finished processing. It can take up to 7 business days for data submitted to the IRS to fully process.	There is nothing you need to do at this time.
<i>Accepted</i>	This means that the IRS has not identified any problems or errors with what you submitted.	No further action is required.
<i>Accepted with Errors</i>	This means that the IRS has identified some data issues in one or more of the 1095 forms that you submitted, or with the 1094 form itself. However, the forms have still been accepted.	No further action is required.
<i>Rejected</i>	This status indicates the submission was not sent in the correct format or that there was an error (such as an invalid EIN and legal name combination) in the data transmittal.	Data needs to be corrected and the entire submission needs to be resubmitted.



It's important to note that if submissions were rejected due to formatting, employers should NOT mark the original submissions as corrected when resubmitting. Corrections only take place when you are changing actual data elements from your 1095 or 1094 forms, such as employee names, SSNs, etc.

Understanding the IRS e-Filing statuses is key to a successful ACA processing, and utilizing a reputable software vendor that's familiar with them (and the data elements that lead to them) can help to make a confusing process far more simplistic.



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