



Date: October 30, 2025

To: TY2025 MeF Software Developers

From: Montana Department of Revenue

Subject: 2025 Corporate ATS Update

The Montana Department of Revenue is pausing 2025 ATS Testing. This pause is to accommodate the updates to the authentication header that are expected to be published by the FTA e-Standards on 13 November 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: The IRS is working on modifications to the authentication header elements for business/estate schemas, which should be published on **November 6**. The FTA e-Standards committee will then modify the state schemas to align with the IRS. We estimate an updated state schema will be available after **November 13**. This means that the state authentication header for business/estate will be changed later after the IRS publishes their schema.

The current pause will be in effect from 30 October 2025 until the department has the new schema implemented after 13 November 2025 for:

- ☒ E-File
- ☒ Corporate Income Tax

Please contact the MeF Testing Coordinators at DORMeFTest@mt.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

You will not be authorized to submit Production returns until you've completed development and testing. You must have your first test submission by December 16, 2025.

If you need to make any changes to your LOI please submit an amended LOI for review and approval to DORe-Services@mt.gov.