



## Opening of the IDES testing session

### Closing the distance

On May 6, 2019, the IRS circulated a [bulletin](#) (Issue Number: 2019-5) about commencement of a FATCA International Data Exchange Services (IDES) testing session. According to the bulletin, the IDES will be open for testing from June 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. EDT to Friday, July 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. The testing session will be available to those users that have completed IDES enrollment by June 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. For participation in the testing, the users will need an active password. All passwords and profile information should be updated before the enrollment cutoff date.

Notably, the IDES users should not submit production files to the test environment or test files to the production environment. Any production files submitted to the test environment will not be processed.

The IRS will be announcing all testing sessions on the [IDES Testing schedule web page](#). Users in need of assistance may contact IDES Help Desk here: [Link](#).

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