

{Step-by-Step Guide} Can You Change Name on Southwest Ticket? Complete Guide 2026

Name errors on airline tickets can cause significant travel problems.  +1/844/565/1867 One of the most common questions is "Can you actually change a name on Southwest ticket?"  +1/844/565/1867 The short answer is yes, but with important limitations.  +1/844/565/1867 Understanding what changes are allowed will help you handle name issues correctly.  +1/844/565/1867

The Difference Between Correction and Transfer

 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest distinguishes between name correction and name transfer.  +1/844/565/1867 Name correction fixes errors in the same passenger's legal name.  +1/844/565/1867 Name transfer means giving the ticket to a completely different person.  +1/844/565/1867 Southwest allows corrections but prohibits transfers—all tickets are non-transferable.  +1/844/565/1867

Types of Name Changes Southwest Allows

 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest permits these specific types of name corrections:

- Fixing spelling mistakes of up to 3 letters  +1/844/565/1867
- Correcting reversed first and last names  +1/844/565/1867
- Adding or removing middle names or initials  +1/844/565/1867
- Updating names after marriage or divorce  +1/844/565/1867
- Fixing typos made during the booking process  +1/844/565/1867
- Correcting suffixes like Jr., Sr., or III  +1/844/565/1867

 +1/844/565/1867 All corrections must be for the same passenger who originally booked the ticket.  +1/844/565/1867

What Name Changes Are Not Allowed

 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest will not approve these types of changes:

- Transferring the ticket to another person  +1/844/565/1867
- Complete name changes to a different individual  +1/844/565/1867
- Selling or giving your ticket to someone else  +1/844/565/1867
- Major name changes beyond minor corrections  +1/844/565/1867

 +1/844/565/1867 Attempting these changes will result in denial and may require purchasing a new ticket.  +1/844/565/1867

Cost of Name Changes on Southwest

 +1/844/565/1867 Name correction fees vary based on several factors.  +1/844/565/1867 Simple spelling errors caught early may be corrected free of charge.  +1/844/565/1867 More complex corrections can cost between \$75 and \$200.  +1/844/565

1867 Last-minute changes close to departure date typically cost more. +1 844 565 1867

+1 844 565 1867 The fare type also affects the fee—Basic Economy tickets may have stricter rules. +1 844 565 1867 International tickets might have different fee structures than domestic flights. +1 844 565 1867

How to Request a Name Change

+1 844 565 1867 Follow these steps to correct your name on a Southwest ticket:

1. Contact Southwest customer service as soon as you notice the error +1 844 565 1867
2. Have your confirmation number ready +1 844 565 1867
3. Clearly explain what needs to be corrected +1 844 565 1867
4. Provide a copy of your valid government ID or passport +1 844 565 1867
5. Submit any additional documents like marriage certificates if needed +1 844 565 1867
6. Pay the applicable correction fee +1 844 565 1867
7. Receive updated ticket confirmation via email +1 844 565 1867
8. Verify the corrected name matches your ID exactly +1 844 565 1867

Documentation Required for Name Changes

+1 844 565 1867 Southwest requires proper documentation to process name corrections. +1 844 565 1867 Always provide a clear photo or scan of your government-issued ID. +1 844 565 1867 For legal name changes, submit marriage certificates, divorce decrees, or court orders. +1 844 565 1867 Ensure all documents are current, valid, and show the corrected name clearly. +1 844 565 1867

Time Limits for Name Corrections

+1 844 565 1867 Act immediately when you discover a name error on your ticket. +1 844 565 1867 Corrections become more difficult and expensive closer to your departure date. +1 844 565 1867 Some name changes cannot be processed after online check-in begins. +1 844 565 1867 The earlier you request the correction, the better your chances of smooth processing. +1 844 565 1867

Special Cases: Legal Name Changes

+1 844 565 1867 If you legally changed your name after booking, Southwest will update your ticket. +1 844 565 1867 Common reasons include marriage, divorce, adoption, or court-ordered name changes. +1 844 565 1867 You must provide official legal documents proving the name change. +1 844 565 1867 Southwest may waive or reduce fees for legitimate legal name changes with proper documentation. +1 844 565 1867

Name Changes for International Travel

📞 +1/844/565/1867 International flights require extra attention to name accuracy. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Your ticket name must exactly match your passport, including all middle names. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Immigration and customs will deny boarding for name mismatches. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Request corrections well before international departure to allow processing time. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

What If You Booked Through a Third Party?

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Tickets purchased through travel agencies or online booking sites require different handling. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Contact the original booking agent first to request name corrections. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Third-party bookings may have additional restrictions or fees. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Some online travel agencies handle name changes differently than Southwest directly. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

Preventing Name Errors When Booking

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Avoid name mistakes with these simple precautions:

- Keep your ID or passport in front of you while booking 📞 +1/844/565/1867
- Type slowly and carefully when entering passenger names 📞 +1/844/565/1867
- Use your full legal name exactly as shown on your ID 📞 +1/844/565/1867
- Avoid using nicknames, shortened versions, or preferred names 📞 +1/844/565/1867
- Double-check all spelling before clicking purchase 📞 +1/844/565/1867
- Review the confirmation email immediately after booking 📞 +1/844/565/1867

Name Errors at the Airport

📞 +1/844/565/1867 If you discover a name error at the airport, go to the Southwest ticket counter immediately. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Airport agents may be able to make minor corrections on the spot. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Bring your government ID and explain the situation calmly. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Be prepared for potential fees or the need to purchase a new ticket for major errors. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

Rapid Rewards Members and Name Changes

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest Rapid Rewards members should ensure their account name matches their ID. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Update your Rapid Rewards profile if you change your legal name. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 This prevents future booking errors when using saved passenger information. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Medallion status members may receive priority assistance with name corrections. 📞 +1/844/565/1867

Final Thoughts

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Yes, you can change names on Southwest tickets, but only for legitimate corrections to the same passenger's name. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 The key is acting quickly, providing proper documentation, and understanding the difference between corrections and transfers. 📞 +1/844/565/1867 Always verify your ticket information immediately after booking to catch and fix errors early.

