

# {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

✈️ +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.

