

2026 Official Update ✈ Southwest Airlines Name Change Fee – How Much Does It Cost?

Discovering an error in your name after booking can be stressful. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Many passengers urgently ask, "How much does Southwest charge for name changes?" ☎+1/844/565/1867 Understanding Southwest's name change fees helps you budget for corrections. ☎+1/844/565/1867 The cost varies depending on the type of correction needed and when you request it. ☎+1/844/565/1867

Understanding Name Change vs Name Correction

☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest distinguishes between name corrections and name transfers. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Name corrections fix errors in the same passenger's legal name. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Name transfers attempt to give the ticket to a completely different person. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest allows corrections but strictly prohibits transfers under all circumstances. ☎+1/844/565/1867

What Qualifies as Name Correction:

- Spelling errors up to 3 letters ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Reversed first and last names ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Adding or removing middle names ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Correcting typos made during booking ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Legal name changes after marriage or divorce ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Adding or removing suffixes (Jr., Sr., III) ☎+1/844/565/1867

What Southwest Does Not Allow:

- Transferring ticket to another person ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Complete name changes to different individuals ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Selling or giving your ticket to someone else ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Changing passenger identity entirely ☎+1/844/565/1867

Current Southwest Name Change Fee Structure

☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest's name correction fees vary based on several factors. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Simple spelling errors caught early may be corrected at no charge. ☎+1/844/565/1867 More complex corrections typically incur fees ranging from \$50 to \$200. ☎+1/844/565/1867 International tickets may have different fee structures than domestic flights. ☎+1/844/565/1867

Typical Fee Structure:

- **Minor spelling errors (1-2 letters)** - Often free to \$50 ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Multiple letter corrections** - \$75 to \$150 ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Legal name changes** - \$100 to \$200 with documentation ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Last-minute corrections** - Higher fees closer to departure ☎+1/844/565/1867

- **International flights** - May have additional charges ☎ +1/844/565/1867

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Factors Affecting Name Change Costs

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Timing of Request:

- Within 24 hours of booking - Usually free ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- More than 24 hours but weeks before flight - Standard fee ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Within 2 weeks of departure - Higher fees ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Day of travel - Most expensive, may require new ticket ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Ticket Type:

- Basic Economy - Most restrictive, higher fees ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Main Cabin - Standard correction fees ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Premium cabins - More flexibility, sometimes lower fees ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Award tickets - Different rules, contact SkyMiles desk ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Extent of Correction:

- Single letter typo - Minimal or no fee ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Multiple errors - Cumulative charges ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Full name components wrong - Maximum fees ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Free Name Correction Opportunities

☎ +1/844/565/1867 In certain situations, Southwest may waive name correction fees. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Take advantage of these opportunities to avoid charges. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Acting quickly is essential for free or low-cost corrections. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Understanding these windows helps you save money. ☎ +1/844/565/1867

When Corrections May Be Free:

- **Within 24 hours of booking** - Risk-free correction window ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- **Southwest's error** - If Southwest made the mistake during booking ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- **Very minor typos** - Single letter errors sometimes waived ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- **Technical glitches** - System errors corrected without charge ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- **Legal name change with documentation** - Fees sometimes waived ☎ +1/844/565/1867

How to Request Name Correction

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1. **Identify the error immediately** - Check confirmation email right away +1/844/565/1867
2. **Contact Southwest customer service** - Call as soon as possible +1/844/565/1867
3. **Provide confirmation number** - Have booking details ready +1/844/565/1867
4. **Explain the correction needed** - Be specific about exact changes +1/844/565/1867
5. **Submit documentation** - Provide ID or passport showing correct name +1/844/565/1867
6. **Ask about fees** - Inquire if any charges apply +1/844/565/1867
7. **Authorize the correction** - Approve fees and changes +1/844/565/1867
8. **Verify updated ticket** - Confirm correction in new confirmation +1/844/565/1867

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Documentation Required for Name Changes

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Required Documents:

- **Government-issued photo ID** - Driver's license or state ID +1/844/565/1867
- **Passport** - Especially for international travel +1/844/565/1867
- **Marriage certificate** - For name changes after marriage +1/844/565/1867
- **Divorce decree** - For reverting to maiden name +1/844/565/1867
- **Court order** - For legal name changes +1/844/565/1867
- **Birth certificate** - If other documents unavailable +1/844/565/1867

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Payment Methods for Name Change Fees

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Accepted Payment Options:

- Major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover) ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Debit cards with credit card logos ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Southwest gift cards or vouchers ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- eCredits from previous cancellations ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Comparing Fees to Rebooking Costs

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☎ +1/844/565/1867 Evaluate both options before proceeding with corrections. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Calculate total cost including any fare differences. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 This is especially relevant for low-cost tickets with high correction fees. ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Cost Comparison Example:

- Original ticket cost: \$150 ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Name correction fee: \$125 ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Current ticket price: \$175 ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- **Decision:** Correction cheaper than rebooking ☎ +1/844/565/1867

International Flight Name Change Fees

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☎ +1/844/565/1867 Fees can be higher for international corrections. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Immigration and customs require perfect name matching. ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Special International Considerations:

- Passport name must match ticket exactly ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Include all middle names shown on passport ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Suffixes and titles must match precisely ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Some countries more strict than others ☎ +1/844/565/1867
- Correction fees may be non-refundable ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Group Booking Name Changes

☎ +1/844/565/1867 Group reservations have special name change policies.

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Contact Southwest's group desk for correction procedures. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Fees may differ from individual ticket corrections. ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Award Ticket Name Corrections

☎ +1/844/565/1867 SkyMiles award tickets follow different correction rules.

☎ +1/844/565/1867 Contact the SkyMiles service desk for award ticket changes.

☎ +1/844/565/1867 Fees may be charged in miles or dollars. ☎ +1/844/565/1867 Medallion members may receive courtesy corrections. ☎ +1/844/565/1867

Avoiding Name Change Fees

☎+1/844/565/1867 Prevention is the best strategy for avoiding correction costs:

- **Double-check before booking** - Review spelling carefully ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Have ID in front of you** - Reference while entering information ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Use full legal names** - No nicknames or shortened versions ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Review confirmation immediately** - Catch errors within 24 hours ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Copy/paste from ID** - Reduce typing errors ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Slow down** - Rushing leads to mistakes ☎+1/844/565/1867

What Happens If You Don't Correct

☎+1/844/565/1867 Traveling with incorrect name on ticket can cause serious problems.

☎+1/844/565/1867 TSA may deny boarding if name doesn't match ID. ☎+1/844/565/1867 International immigration will reject mismatched names. ☎+1/844/565/1867 You could forfeit entire ticket value and miss your flight. ☎+1/844/565/1867

Potential Consequences:

- Denied boarding at airport ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Additional scrutiny at security ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Immigration rejection for international flights ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Lost ticket value if unable to fly ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Emergency rebooking at premium prices ☎+1/844/565/1867

Final Thoughts

☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest's name change fees vary from free to \$200 depending on circumstances. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Act immediately when discovering errors to minimize costs. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Always verify passenger information matches government ID before completing bookings to avoid correction fees entirely and ensure smooth, stress-free travel.