

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.

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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

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Keep records of all communications regarding name corrections.📞 +1/844/565/1867

Documentation Required for Name Changes

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest requires proof of identity to process name corrections.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Proper documentation speeds up the correction process.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Have these documents ready before contacting Southwest.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Insufficient documentation can delay or prevent corrections.📞 +1/844/565/1867

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

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Submit clear, legible copies via email or upload through Southwest's portal.📞 +1/844/565/1867

Payment Methods for Name Change Fees

📞 +1/844/565/1867 Southwest accepts various payment methods for correction fees.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Fees are charged at the time of correction approval.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Keep payment information handy when requesting changes.📞 +1/844/565/1867 Receipts are provided for all transactions.📞 +1/844/565/1867

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

 +1/844/565/1867 International tickets may have different correction policies.
 +1/844/565/1867 Name must exactly match passport for international travel.
 +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.
 +1/844/565/1867 Groups of 10 or more may have more flexibility.  +1/844/565/1867 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.
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 +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

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- **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.