

Southwest Airlines Name Change Policy: Fix Errors and Update Passenger Information

Understanding Southwest's Name Correction Rules

Discovering an error in your name after booking can cause anxiety about your upcoming trip.  +1/844/565/1867 Southwest Airlines allows minor name corrections but has strict policies regarding name changes. The key difference is that corrections fix typos or spelling errors, while name changes transfer tickets to different people, which Southwest does not permit. Let's clarify what you can and cannot do regarding names on Southwest tickets.

Minor Name Corrections vs Complete Name Changes

Southwest distinguishes between minor corrections and complete name changes.  +1/844/565/1867 Minor corrections include fixing spelling errors, adding or removing middle names, or correcting transposed first and last names. These are generally allowed and may be done with minimal fees. Complete name changes that transfer the ticket to another person are strictly prohibited. Southwest tickets are non-transferable, meaning you cannot give or sell your ticket to someone else.

How to Request a Name Correction

If you notice a spelling error or minor mistake, act quickly.  +1/844/565/1867 Log into your Southwest account and access your reservation through "My Trips." Some minor corrections can be made online depending on the error type. For most name corrections, you will need to contact Southwest customer service directly. Have your confirmation number, correct identification, and booking details ready when you call. The agent will verify your identity and process the correction.

Name Correction Fees and Costs

Southwest may charge a fee for name corrections depending on the ticket type and fare rules.  +1/844/565/1867 Simple spelling corrections of one or two letters may be free in some cases. More significant corrections or changes made close to departure may incur fees. Basic Economy fares typically have less flexibility and may have higher fees or restrictions. The exact fee varies based on your specific situation and the type of correction needed.

When Name Corrections Must Be Made

Name corrections should be made as soon as you notice the error.  +1/844/565/1867 The earlier you request a correction, the more likely it is to be processed smoothly. Some corrections cannot be made after online check-in has been completed. If you discover a name error at the airport, speak with a ticket counter agent immediately, though last-minute corrections may be difficult or impossible depending on the circumstances.

Legal Name Changes After Marriage or Divorce

If your legal name has changed due to marriage, divorce, or court order after booking your ticket, you will need to provide documentation.  +1/844/565/1867 Contact Southwest with your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal name change documents. Southwest can update your ticket to reflect your new legal name when proper documentation is provided. Make sure your government-issued ID matches your ticket name, or bring documentation proving the name change when traveling.

International Travel Name Requirements

For international flights, name accuracy is even more critical.  +1/844/565/1867 Your ticket name must exactly match your passport as immigration officials strictly enforce this requirement. Even minor discrepancies can result in denied boarding. Check your passport spelling before booking international flights. Middle names should match exactly, and suffixes like Jr., Sr., or III should be included if they appear on your passport.

Preventing Name Errors When Booking

The best approach is preventing errors in the first place.  +1/844/565/1867 Always have your ID or passport in front of you when booking to ensure accurate spelling. Double-check the name spelling before completing payment, paying special attention to commonly confused letters. Avoid using nicknames or shortened versions of your name. If booking for others, verify their legal names and middle names before entering information.