

# United Airlines Name Change Policy: Fix Errors and Update Passenger Information

## Understanding United's Name Correction Rules

Discovering an error in your name after booking can cause anxiety about your upcoming trip.  +1/844/213/7319 United 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 United does not permit. Let's clarify what you can and cannot do regarding names on United tickets.

## Minor Name Corrections vs Complete Name Changes

United distinguishes between minor corrections and complete name changes.  +1/844/213/7319 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. United 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.  +1/844/213/7319 Log into your United 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 United 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

United may charge a fee for name corrections depending on the ticket type and fare rules.  +1/844/213/7319 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.  +1/844/213/7319 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.  +1/844/213/7319 Contact United with your marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal name change documents. United 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.  +1/844/213/7319 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.  +1/844/213/7319 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.