


# Southwest Name Correction vs Name Change: Fees, Requirements, and Process

 **Expert Guidance: +1→844~(565)←18-67** (Know Which Service You Need)

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## Understanding the Difference: Correction vs. Change

Many travelers confuse **name corrections** with **name changes**—but Southwest treats them differently. Knowing which one applies to your situation can save you time, money, and stress.

**Confused which you need?** Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 for personalized help.

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## NAME CORRECTION: Minor Fixes

### What Qualifies as a Correction?

✅ Spelling mistakes (1-3 characters)    ✅ Transposed letters (e.g., "Jhon" → "John")    ✅ Missing or extra letters (e.g., "Sara" → "Sarah")    ✅ First/last name order switched    ✅ Adding or removing middle name/initial

### Fees for Name Corrections

 **Usually FREE** when:


- Caught within 24 hours of booking
- Error is minor (3 characters or less)
- You call +1→844~(565)←18-67 promptly

### Requirements

 **Just need:**

- Booking confirmation number
- Government-issued ID showing correct spelling
- Call to +1→844~(565)←18-67

## Processing Time

 **5-15 minutes** over the phone with **+1→844~(565)←18-67**


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## NAME CHANGE: Legal Updates

### What Qualifies as a Legal Name Change?

✓ Marriage (maiden name → married name) ✓ Divorce (married name → maiden name)  
✓ Court-ordered legal name change ✓ Gender marker correction ✓ Adoption name changes

### Fees for Legal Name Changes


 **Typically FREE** when you provide proper documentation

#### Potential costs:

- Fare difference if rebooking required
- Change fees (waived with proof in most cases)



 **Verify your specific case:** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67**

### Requirements

 You'll need:

- Booking confirmation number
- **OLD ID** (matching current ticket)
- **NEW ID** or legal documentation:
  - Marriage certificate
  - Divorce decree
  - Court order for legal name change
  - Updated passport/driver's license

## Processing Time

 **24-48 hours** for document verification  **Expedite if needed:** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** for urgent travel

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## Side-by-Side Comparison

Feature	Name Correction	Legal Name Change
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<b>Examples</b>	Typos, spelling errors	Marriage, divorce, court order
<b>Documentation</b>	Valid ID	Legal documents required
<b>Typical Fee</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b> (with proof)
<b>Processing Time</b>	5-15 minutes	24-48 hours
<b>Phone Support</b>	<b>+1→844~(565)←18-67</b>	<b>+1→844~(565)←18-67</b>
<b>When to Act</b>	Immediately	As soon as documents ready

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## Step-by-Step: How to Process Each Type

### FOR NAME CORRECTIONS (Typos/Errors):

**Step 1:** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** immediately after noticing the error

**Step 2:** Provide:

- Booking confirmation number
- Correct spelling from your ID

**Step 3:** Agent updates ticket in real-time

**Step 4:** Receive updated confirmation within minutes

**Total time:** Usually under 15 minutes 

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### FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGES (Marriage/Divorce/Court Order):

**Step 1:** Gather all required documents:


- Current ticket/booking confirmation
- Old ID (matching ticket name)
- New ID OR legal change documents


**Step 2:** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** with documents ready

**Step 3:** Email or fax documents as instructed by agent

**Step 4:** Wait 24-48 hours for verification

**Step 5:** Receive updated ticket confirmation





**Total time:** 1-2 business days 

 **Urgent flight?** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** for priority processing.





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## Common Scenarios & Which Category They Fall Under

### **CORRECTIONS (Quick & Easy):**

-  Ticket says "Micheal" but ID says "Michael" → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67**
-  First and last name reversed → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67**
-  Missing middle initial → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67**
-  "Jr." or "Sr." omitted → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67**

### **LEGAL CHANGES (Requires Documentation):**

-  Got married, now have new last name → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** with marriage certificate
  -  Divorced, reverting to maiden name → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** with divorce decree
  -  Legal name change via court → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** with court order
  -  Gender marker update → Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** with legal documents
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## When Documentation Is Required

### **Always needed for:**

- Any change exceeding 3 characters
- Complete name replacements
- Legal status changes (marriage/divorce)
- Name changes affecting surname

### **Usually NOT needed for:**

- Single letter typos
- Adding/removing middle initials
- Reversing first/last name order

**Not sure?** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** and ask!

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## Fees Breakdown by Situation

## FREE Name Services:

✅ Minor spelling corrections (within 24 hours)    ✅ Legal name changes WITH proper documentation    ✅ Corrections made during 24-hour cancellation window    ✅ Errors caused by Southwest's booking system

## May Incur Fees:

⚠️ Corrections requested after ticket is issued (case-by-case)    ⚠️ Name changes without proper documentation    ⚠️ Changes requiring ticket reissue    ⚠️ Fare difference if rebooking needed

☎️ **Get exact fee quote:** Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 with your booking details

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## How to Avoid Fees Entirely

### 💡 Pro Strategies:

1. **Check within 24 hours** of booking (free cancellation period)
  2. **Double-check before payment** (prevents errors)
  3. **Use autofill carefully** (common source of mistakes)
  4. **Have legal documents ready** (for free legal changes)
  5. **Call immediately** when error is spotted → +1→844~(565)←18-67
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## What If You Don't Have Documentation Yet?

**Scenario:** Got married but don't have marriage certificate yet

### **Solutions:**

1. **Book under maiden name** if ID not updated → Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 to confirm
2. **Bring marriage certificate to airport** as linking document
3. **Request expedited certificate** from county clerk
4. **Update ticket once you receive documents** → +1→844~(565)←18-67

**Questions?** Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 for situation-specific advice.

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## International Travel Considerations

🌐 **Extra strict for international flights:**

- Passport name **MUST** match ticket exactly
- Middle names matter more
- Suffixes (Jr., Sr., III) should match
- No room for "close enough"

**Flying international?** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** to verify name accuracy NOW.

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## Processing Time Comparison

Type	Phone Call	Email/Fax Docs	Verification	Total Time
Correction	5-10 min	Not needed	Instant	<b>~15 min</b>
Legal Change	10-15 min	1-2 hours	24-48 hours	<b>1-2 days</b>

**Need it faster?** Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** and explain urgent circumstances.

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## Red Flags That Require Legal Name Change (Not Just Correction)

 **Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 for legal name change if:**

- Surname completely different (Smith → Johnson)
  - First name completely different (not just spelling)
  - Multiple names changed at once
  - Name change over 6 months ago (should update all IDs first)
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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Is there a limit to how many corrections I can make?** A: No official limit, but excessive changes may raise flags. Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** if you've made multiple errors.

**Q: Can I make corrections online?** A: Minor fixes sometimes possible via "Manage Booking," but calling **+1→844~(565)←18-67** is faster and more reliable.

**Q: Do SkyMiles members get free name changes?** A: Status doesn't affect name correction/change fees. Everyone follows same policy. Verify at **+1→844~(565)←18-67**.

**Q: What if my legal name change happened years ago?** A: Should be no issue with proper documentation. Call **+1→844~(565)←18-67** to process.

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## Final Recommendations

### For Minor Errors (Corrections):

✓ Act within 24 hours ✓ Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 immediately ✓ Have booking number & ID ready ✓ Expect quick resolution

### For Legal Changes:

✓ Gather all documentation first ✓ Allow 24-48 hours processing ✓ Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 with documents ready ✓ Follow up if urgent



## Take Action Now

Found an error? Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 Planning legal name change? Call +1→844~(565)←18-67 Not sure which you need? Call +1→844~(565)←18-67

Southwest Name Services Hotline: +1→844~(565)←18-67 (24/7)