

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

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

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.

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**

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

Side-by-Side Comparison

| Feature | Name Correction | Legal Name Change |
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| Examples | Typos, spelling errors | Marriage, divorce, court order |
| Documentation | Valid ID | Legal documents required |
| Typical Fee | FREE | FREE (with proof) |
| Processing Time | 5-15 minutes | 24-48 hours |
| Phone Support | +1~844~(565)~18-6 7 | +1~844~(565)~18-67 |
| When to Act | Immediately | As soon as documents ready |

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 

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.

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

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!

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

How to Avoid Fees Entirely

Pro Strategies:

- Check within 24 hours** of booking (free cancellation period)
- Double-check before payment** (prevents errors)
- Use autofill carefully** (common source of mistakes)
- Have legal documents ready** (for free legal changes)
- Call immediately** when error is spotted → **+1-844-(565)-18-67**

What If You Don't Have Documentation Yet?

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

Solutions:

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

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

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.

Processing Time Comparison

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

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

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)

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.

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)