

# How Much Does United Charge for Name Changes? Complete Fee Guide 2026

📞 Fee Inquiry: 1-844-213-73-19 (Get Exact Cost Before Changing!)

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## Quick Fee Overview

Change Type	Cost	Processing Time
Minor typo (1-3 letters)	\$0-\$50	5-15 min
Legal name change (marriage/divorce)	\$0 with docs	24-48 hrs
Full name change (no proof)	\$50-\$150	24-48 hrs
Transfer to another person	✗ NOT ALLOWED	N/A

📞 Your situation: Call 1-844-213-73-19 for exact quote.

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## FREE Name Changes

✓ No Charge When:

### 1. Within 24 Hours of Booking

- Any name error noticed early
- Full free cancellation window applies
- Call 1-844-213-73-19 to fix

### 2. Minor Spelling Errors (1-3 characters)

- "Jhon" → "John"
- "Sara" → "Sarah"
- Agent discretion, usually free

### 3. Legal Changes with Documentation

- Marriage certificate = FREE
- Divorce decree = FREE

- Court order = FREE

#### 4. United's Booking Error

- System glitch caused error
- Agent entered wrong
- Proof required

📞 **Claim free change:** Call 1-844-213-73-19 with documentation.

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## Paid Name Changes

### 💰 Standard Fees:

#### Domestic Tickets:

- Minor correction (no docs): \$50-\$75
- Moderate change: \$75-\$100
- Significant change: \$100-\$150

#### International Tickets:

- Minor correction: \$75-\$100
- Moderate change: \$100-\$150
- Major change: \$150-\$200

**Plus:** Possible fare difference if ticket must be reissued

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## Fee Breakdown by Situation

### Scenario 1: Simple Typo

**Error:** "Michael" spelled "Micheal"

**Cost:** \$0 (agent discretion)

**Call:** 1-844-213-73-19 - usually waived

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### Scenario 2: Missing Middle Name

**Error:** Booked "John Smith" but ID shows "John A. Smith"

**Cost:** \$0-\$25

**Call:** 1-844-213-73-19 - often free

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### **Scenario 3: Wrong Name Entirely**

**Error:** Booked "Robert" but meant "Rebecca"

**Cost:** \$100-\$150 + possible rebooking

**Better option:** Cancel within 24 hours (free)

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### **Scenario 4: Nickname Used**

**Error:** Booked "Mike" but legal name is "Michael"

**Cost:** \$0-\$50

**Call:** **1-844-213-73-19** - explain honest mistake

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### **Scenario 5: First/Last Name Reversed**

**Error:** "Smith John" instead of "John Smith"

**Cost:** \$0 (common error, usually waived)

**Call:** **1-844-213-73-19** immediately

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## **Legal Name Changes (FREE with Proof)**

### **Marriage:**

- **Document:** Marriage certificate
- **Cost:** \$0 
- **Time:** 24-48 hours

### **Divorce:**

- **Document:** Divorce decree
- **Cost:** \$0 
- **Time:** 24-48 hours

### **Court-Ordered:**

- **Document:** Legal name change order
- **Cost:** \$0 
- **Time:** 24-48 hours

### **Gender Marker Update:**

- **Document:** Updated ID or court order
- **Cost:** \$0 
- **Time:** 24-48 hours

 **Submit documents:** Call **1-844-213-73-19** for instructions.

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## What You CANNOT Change

### NOT Allowed:

#### **Transfer to Another Person:**

- Can't give ticket to friend/family
- Security regulations prohibit
- Must cancel + they book new

**Exception:** Some corporate accounts have transfer privileges

 **Corporate booking?** Call **1-844-213-73-19** for policy.

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## How to Minimize/Avoid Fees

### **Strategy 1: Catch Within 24 Hours**

- Review confirmation immediately
- Cancel free if error found
- Rebook correctly

**Savings:** \$50-\$150

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### **Strategy 2: Call vs. Online**

- Website may auto-charge
- Agents have fee waiver discretion
- Be polite, explain situation

 **Call first:** **1-844-213-73-19**

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### **Strategy 3: Provide Documentation**

- Even for small changes
- Proof of legal name helps
- Shows good faith

**Examples:**

- License photo showing correct spelling
  - Previous boarding passes
  - Email confirmations
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 **Strategy 4: Status Advantage**

- Medallion members: Better fee waiver rates
- Diamond/Platinum: Highest success
- Mention status when calling

 **Use your status:** Call **1-844-213-73-19**

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## **Third-Party Bookings**

### **Expedia, Kayak, Priceline, etc.:**

**Rules:**

- Must contact booking site first
- They may charge their own fee (\$25-\$100)
- United fee still applies on top

**Total cost:** Up to \$250 (both fees combined)

**Better:** Book direct with United to avoid double fees

 **Third-party issue?** Try calling **1-844-213-73-19** - United sometimes helps directly.

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## **Basic Economy Restrictions**

### **Name Changes NOT Allowed:**

- No changes permitted (except within 24 hrs)
- Must cancel (forfeit value) + rebook
- Extremely restrictive

**Only exception:** Legal name change with docs (case-by-case)

📞 **Basic Economy problem?** Call 1-844-213-73-19 - supervisor may override.

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## International Flight Considerations

### **Higher Fees:**

- International tickets = higher change fees
- Some countries require ticket reissue
- Reissue = \$150-\$300 extra

### **Passport Matching:**

- Name must match passport EXACTLY
- Includes middle names, hyphens, suffixes
- Zero tolerance for discrepancies

#### **Example:**

- Passport: "Mary Ann Smith-Jones"
- Ticket must show: "Mary Ann Smith-Jones" (exact)

📞 **International booking?** Call 1-844-213-73-19 to verify format.

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## Timeline Affects Cost

### **When You Request Change:**

**More than 2 weeks out:** Standard fees

**1-2 weeks out:** May incur urgency fees

**Under 1 week:** Higher fees likely

**Day of travel:** \$100+ rush fee possible

**Act early = save money**

📞 **Need rush change?** Call 1-844-213-73-19 to check rush fees.

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## Hidden Costs

### **Beyond Name Change Fee:**

### **Fare Difference:**

- If ticket must be reissued
- New fare may be higher
- You pay the difference

### **Example:**

- Original fare: \$300
- Name change fee: \$75
- New fare (same flight): \$380
- Fare difference: \$80
- **Total cost: \$155**

 **Get full cost estimate:** Call **1-844-213-73-19** before approving.

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## **Fee Waiver Success Tips**

### **How to Get Fees Waived:**

#### **1. Be Polite & Honest**

- Explain genuine mistake
- Don't blame United
- Ask nicely for waiver

#### **2. Call Early Morning**

- Agents less stressed
- More time to help
- Better waiver rates

#### **3. Mention Loyalty**

- "I fly United 20x per year"
- Status helps significantly
- Long-time customer = consideration

#### **4. Provide Context**

- Autocorrect caused error
- First time booking
- Misunderstood form

#### **5. Ask for Supervisor**

- If first agent says no

- Supervisors have more authority
- Stay polite

📞 **Success rate improves:** Call **1-844-213-73-19** and be friendly!

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## Cost Comparison Table

Your Situation	Likely Cost	Best Action
Typo caught in 24 hrs	<b>\$0</b>	Cancel free, rebook
Typo 1-3 letters	<b>\$0-\$50</b>	Call <b>1-844-213-73-19</b>
Marriage/divorce	<b>\$0</b>	Send certificate to <b>1-844-213-73-19</b>
Wrong first name	<b>\$100-\$150</b>	Cancel/rebook if close to booking
Transfer to other person	<b>NOT POSSIBLE</b>	Original person must cancel
Basic Economy error	<b>Forfeit ticket</b>	Cancel within 24 hrs only

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## Real Cost Examples

### Example 1: Jennifer's Typo

- **Error:** "Jeniffer" vs. "Jennifer"
  - **Action:** Called **1-844-213-73-19** within 2 hours
  - **Fee:** \$0 (waived as obvious typo)
  - **Time:** 8 minutes
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### Example 2: Michael's Marriage

- **Change:** "Michael Brown" → "Michael Davis"
  - **Document:** Marriage certificate
  - **Fee:** \$0
  - **Processing:** 36 hours
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### Example 3: Sarah's Big Error

- **Error:** Booked for "Sarah" meant for "Susan"

- **Timing:** 3 days after booking
  - **Options:**
    - Change name: \$125 fee
    - Cancel: \$99 fee + eCredit
  - **Chose:** Cancel/rebook (cheaper)
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## Checklist Before Paying Fee

**Ask yourself:**

- Is error within 24 hours? (Free cancel window)
- Is it just 1-3 letters? (Often waived)
- Do I have legal documentation? (Free change)
- Have I tried calling vs. online? (Better waiver chance)
- Is canceling + rebooking cheaper?
- Did I ask for supervisor waiver?

**If unsure:** Call **1-844-213-73-19** before paying anything.

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## FAQ

**Q: Can I change one letter for free?**

A: Usually yes. Call **1-844-213-73-19** - most agents waive it.

**Q: Do I pay twice if booking through Expedia?**

A: Possibly. Third party + United fee. Book direct to avoid.

**Q: Will status help waive fees?**

A: Yes! Medallion members get better treatment.

**Q: How long to process after I pay?**

A: 24-48 hours typically.

**Q: Can I get refund if I paid fee then found docs?**

A: Call **1-844-213-73-19** - sometimes yes if within same day.

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## DON'T PAY UNTIL YOU CALL

**Before paying any name change fee:**

📞 Call **1-844-213-73-19** and ask:

*"I need to change the name on my booking from [old] to [new]. What's the exact fee, and is there any way it can be waived?"*

- Agent will:**
- Quote exact fee
  - Check for waiver eligibility
  - Verify if documentation reduces/eliminates fee
  - Compare to cancellation cost
  - Apply discretionary waiver if possible

**Potential savings:** \$50-\$150

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**United Name Change Fees: 1-844-213-73-19**

-  Exact fee quotes
-  Documentation review
-  Fee waiver requests
-  Immediate processing

**Call first—save money!**