




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

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

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.

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.

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

Fee Breakdown by Situation

Scenario 1: Simple Typo

Error: "Michael" spelled "Micheal"

Cost: \$0 (agent discretion)

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

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

Scenario 3: Wrong Name Entirely

Error: Booked "Robert" but meant "Rebecca"

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

Better option: Cancel within 24 hours (free)

Scenario 4: Nickname Used

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

Cost: \$0-\$50

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

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

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.

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.

How to Minimize/Avoid Fees


Strategy 1: Catch Within 24 Hours

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

Savings: \$50-\$150

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**

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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Cost Comparison Table

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

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.

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.



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

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

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

Call first—save money!