

# What Is United Airlines Name Change Policy?

**United Name Change and Correction Guide: Allowed Changes, Fees, Legal Updates, Marriage, Divorce and MileagePlus**

For United name change or correction assistance, call:

■ **United Name Change — Call 24/7: +1-844-213-7319**

■ **United MileagePlus Name Update: +1-844-213-7319**

■ **International Callers — United: +1-844-569-1450**

Whether you've made a typo, recently got married, or your name has changed following a divorce or court order, United Airlines has a clear process for name changes and corrections on tickets. This complete guide explains United's official name change policy, what types of changes are allowed, what documents are required, and exactly how to request a correction. For immediate assistance, call United at **+1-844-213-7319** (available 24/7).

## Does United Airlines Allow Name Changes on Tickets?

Yes. United Airlines allows name corrections for minor spelling errors and legal name changes due to marriage, divorce, or court orders. United does not allow name transfers — the ticket cannot be changed to a completely different person. For legal name changes, documentation is required. Call +1-844-213-7319 for all name change requests.

United's name change policy distinguishes between two types of requests: a name correction (fixing a typo or updating to a legal name) and a name transfer (changing the ticket to a different individual). Corrections are allowed; transfers are never permitted. The policy is guided by TSA's Secure Flight program, which requires that the name on your ticket exactly match your government-issued photo ID.

## Can You Change a Name on a United Ticket?

Yes — United allows name corrections on tickets in most cases. Minor typos of 1–3 characters are corrected at no charge. Legal name changes due to marriage, divorce, or court orders require documentation. Name transfers to a completely different person are never permitted. Call +1-844-213-7319 to request any name change.

Types of corrections United allows: fixing 1–3 character typos, correcting transposed letters, swapping first/last names entered in wrong fields, changing a nickname to a legal name, and updating a name after a qualifying legal event. The key test: does the change represent the same person? If yes — it's a correction United will process. If no — it's a transfer, which United will never do.

**How Do I Request a Name Change on My United Ticket?** Call United Airlines at

+1-844-213-7319 and say: 'I need a name correction on my ticket.' Provide your PNR, current incorrect name, and correct legal name as on your government ID. For legal name changes, you will complete United's Identity Verification Form and upload supporting documents.

**Step 1.** Call **+1-844-213-7319** (24/7) or the MileagePlus line at **+1-844-213-7319**. **Step 2.** Tell the agent: 'I need a name correction on my ticket.' Provide your PNR and flight details.

**Step 3.** State the incorrect name on the ticket and the correct legal name exactly as on your government ID.

**Step 4.** For minor corrections (1–3 characters): the agent processes the correction in real time and reissues your ticket.

**Step 5.** For legal name changes (marriage, divorce, court order): follow the Identity Verification Form process at United.com with your documentation.

**Step 6.** After legal name change submission, wait 3–7 business days for processing.

**Step 7.** Verify the corrected name matches your ID exactly when you receive the new e-ticket confirmation.

## Does United Charge a Fee to Change a Name?

United does not charge a dedicated name change fee for minor corrections. Ticket reissuance for legal name changes is typically done at no extra charge. A fare difference may apply only if the ticket must be fully repriced during reissuance. Always ask: 'Will there be any cost?' before authorizing. Call +1-844-213-7319.

For a typo correction of 1–3 characters, agents typically process it as a courtesy at no cost. For legal name changes, the ticket is reissued — and if the original fare class is still available, no additional charge applies. The only risk of unexpected cost is if the original fare class is no longer available at the time of reissuance, triggering a fare difference. Always ask the agent to confirm pricing before confirming any change.

## How Do I Change My Name on United After Getting Married?

After marriage, call +1-844-213-7319 to update your United ticket. You need your marriage certificate, old government ID (maiden name), and new government ID (married name, if issued). Complete United's Identity Verification Form. Processing takes 3–7 business days.

**Step 1.** Gather: marriage certificate, old government ID (maiden name), new government ID (married name, if issued).

**Step 2.** Call United at **+1-844-213-7319** and say: 'I have a legal name change due to marriage and need my ticket updated.'

**Step 3.** The agent verifies your booking and directs you to United's Identity Verification Form at United.com.

**Step 4.** Upload your marriage certificate and ID copies through the secure form. **Step 5.**

United's team reviews and approves the change — typically within 3–7 business days. **Step**

**6.** Receive your reissued e-ticket. Verify it matches your new ID exactly. **Step 7.** Call

**+1-844-213-7319** separately to update your MileagePlus profile name.

■ **Update United Name After Marriage — Call Now: +1-844-213-7319**

**Can I Change My Name on a United Ticket After Divorce?** Yes. United allows name changes after divorce — reverting to a maiden or prior surname. You need your court-stamped divorce decree, old government ID, and new government ID if issued. Call +1-844-213-7319 and follow the Identity Verification process.

The divorce-related name change process mirrors the marriage name change process. Your divorce decree serves as the legal documentation. United's Identity Verification Form allows you to upload the decree and both old and new IDs. If your new government ID hasn't been issued yet, submit what you have and note the new ID is pending. Call +1-844-213-7319 to discuss your specific situation.

**What Documents Are Needed for a United Legal Name Change?** For a legal name change on United, you typically need: the government-issued legal document authorizing the name change (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order), your old government ID with your former name, and your new government ID (if available). Upload via United's Identity Verification Form at United.com.

- **Marriage:** Marriage certificate + old ID (maiden name) + new ID (married name, if issued).
- **Divorce:** Court-stamped divorce decree + old ID + new ID (reverted name, if issued).
- **Court order:** Signed court order for name change + old ID + new ID (if issued).
- **Adoption:** Adoption order + old ID + new ID (if issued).
- **Gender marker update:** Court order or updated government ID showing new legal name.
- All documents must be clear, legible digital copies (JPG, PNG, or PDF) for upload.

## **How Long Does a United Name Change Take?**

Minor spelling corrections are processed in real time — typically 5–10 minutes on a call to +1-844-213-7319. Legal name changes (marriage, divorce, court order) take 3–7 business days after documentation is submitted. Urgent requests for imminent travel can be expedited — call

+1-844-213-7319 and explain the urgency.

A typo fix is done instantly — the agent corrects the ticket live and emails your updated e-ticket before you hang up. Legal name changes go through United's Identity Verification team, which operates on a review queue. If your flight is within 72 hours, call +1-844-213-7319 and specifically ask for expedited review.

## **Can I Fix a Typo in My Name on a United Ticket?**

Yes — United allows minor spelling corrections of 1–3 characters at no charge. Call +1-844-213-7319 immediately and say: 'I have a spelling mistake on my ticket.' Corrections are processed in real time and your updated e-ticket is emailed within minutes. Do not wait until the airport to fix a typo.

An agent at +1-844-213-7319 can correct your ticket in a single call. Examples: 'Micheal' → 'Michael', 'Smtih' → 'Smith', 'Jon' → 'John'. The sooner you call after booking, the smoother the process. If within 24 hours of booking, you also have the option to cancel for a full refund and rebook with the correct name.

## **What If My Name on the Ticket Doesn't Match My Passport?**

If your United ticket name doesn't match your passport, fix it immediately by calling +1-844-213-7319. Minor mismatches (one letter) are usually resolvable quickly. For name changes since booking, carry your old ID, new ID, and legal document when traveling. International travel requires an exact passport match.

TSA Secure Flight cross-references your ticket name against your ID. A significant mismatch can mean additional screening or denied boarding. For international flights, the Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS) requires an exact passport match — stricter than domestic. If your ticket and passport don't match for international travel, call +1-844-213-7319 at least 48–72 hours before departure to allow time for correction. International callers use +1-844-569-1450.

## **How Do I Update My Name in United MileagePlus?**

Update your MileagePlus name by logging in to United.com and completing the Identity Verification Form in your profile settings, or call the MileagePlus Help line at +1-844-213-7319. Minor changes may be editable directly. Legal name changes require documentation upload.

Your MileagePlus profile name and ticket name should always match your government ID. A mismatch can affect miles crediting and create issues when booking award tickets. To update: log in at United.com → profile → 'Update Personal Information' → follow Identity Verification prompts. For legal changes, upload your supporting documents. Call +1-844-213-7319 for the fastest MileagePlus name update.

## ■ Update United MileagePlus Name — Call Now:

### **+1-844-213-7319 Can a Travel Agent Change My Name on a United**

#### **Ticket?**

Yes. Travel agents can make minor name corrections on United (006) validated tickets and reissue them without a waiver code in most cases. For legal name changes, the agent must work through United's Identity Verification process. If you booked through a travel agent, contact them first before calling +1-844-213-7319.

United's professional travel agency portal provides agents with name correction guidelines. Minor corrections can typically be handled by agents directly in their booking system — sometimes faster than the consumer phone line. For legal name changes requiring documentation, travel agents submit the request through United's official channels on the passenger's behalf.

**What Happens If I Don't Fix My Name Before the Flight?** If your ticket name significantly mismatches your ID at the airport, you risk additional TSA screening or denied boarding. Minor typos are usually resolved by TSA agents with your explanation. Always fix name issues before the airport. Call +1-844-213-7319 as soon as you notice any discrepancy.

The risk level depends on the severity of the mismatch. A single transposed letter with a clear explanation is usually manageable at TSA. A completely wrong first name or surname poses a real risk of boarding denial. For international travel, the standards are stricter. Never assume a mismatch 'will be fine' — a 10-minute call to +1-844-213-7319 is always worth it to travel with confidence.

#### **Can I Change My Middle Name on a United Ticket?**

Yes. Adding, removing, or changing a middle name can be done via United's Identity Verification Form through your MileagePlus profile, or by calling +1-844-213-7319. This is typically free. TSA generally does not require middle names to match exactly — but consistency is best practice.

Middle name handling on United tickets is relatively flexible. TSA's Secure Flight program focuses primarily on first and last name — middle names are secondary. However, if your passport includes a middle name, having it on your ticket prevents any potential questions. For MileagePlus profile middle name updates: log in at United.com → Profile → update name → follow Identity Verification prompts. For ticket middle name changes, call +1-844-213-7319.

#### **What Is the United Name Change Phone Number?**

The primary number for United name changes is +1-844-213-7319 (available 24/7). For MileagePlus account name updates, call +1-844-213-7319. International callers use +1-844-569-1450.

When you call +1-844-213-7319, say 'Name correction' to be routed efficiently. Have your PNR and correct spelling ready before the agent answers. For legal changes, also have your supporting documents ready to upload — the agent will direct you to United's Identity Verification Form. Best times to call for minimal hold: before 8 AM or after 10 PM Eastern Time.

## United Name Change Policy — Quick Reference Table

<b>Minor typo (1–3 chars)</b>	&#9989; Yes	Usually FREE	Real time (5–10 min)	+1-844-213-7319
<b>First/last name swap</b>	&#9989; Yes	Usually FREE	Real time	+1-844-213-7319
<b>Nickname to legal name</b>	&#9989; Yes	Usually FREE	Real time	+1-844-213-7319
<b>Marriage name change</b>	&#9989; Y		3–7 business days	+1-844-213-7319
<b>Divorce name change</b>	&#9989; Y		3–7 business days	+1-844-213-7319
<b>Court order name change</b>	&#9989; Y		3–7 business days	+1-844-213-7319
<b>MileagePlus profile name</b>	&#9989; Yes	FREE	1–3 business days	+1-844-213-7319
<b>Transfer to different person</b>	&#10060; Never	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Can you change a name on a United ticket?

A: Yes — United allows name corrections for typos, legal name changes, and updates after marriage or divorce. Name transfers to a different person are not permitted. Call +1-844-213-7319 to request a correction.

### Q: Does United charge for name changes?

A: No. United does not charge a name change fee. Minor corrections are free. Legal name changes are free with documentation. A fare difference may apply only if the ticket must be repriced during reissuance.

### Q: How do I change my name on United after getting married?

A: Call +1-844-213-7319. Have your marriage certificate, old ID, and new ID ready. Follow the Identity Verification Form process. Processing takes 3–7 business days.

**Q: Can I change my name on a United Basic Economy ticket?**

A: Yes — name corrections apply to all fare types including Basic Economy. The name correction is separate from Basic Economy's change/cancel restrictions. Call +1-844-213-7319.

**Q: How long does a United name change take?**

A: Minor typo corrections take 5–10 minutes during your call. Legal name changes (marriage, divorce, court order) take 3–7 business days after documentation is submitted.

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