

# How to Correct a Name on a United Airlines Ticket

**Step-by-Step Guide: Fixing Typos, Spelling Errors, Name Swaps & Legal Name Updates on United — Official Numbers**

To correct a name on your United ticket, call:

■ **United Name Correction — Call 24/7:**

**+1-844-213-7319** ■ **United MileagePlus Profile Name**

**Fix: +1-844-213-7319**

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

A name error on your United ticket — whether it's a single typo, a reversed first/last name, or a legal name that needs updating — must be corrected before you reach the airport. TSA requires your ticket name to match your government-issued ID exactly. The good news: United makes name corrections straightforward, fast, and usually free. This guide walks through every type of name correction with step-by-step instructions. Call **+1-844-213-7319** anytime — 24/7 — to get your name fixed today.

## Can I Correct a Name on a United Airlines Ticket?

Yes. United Airlines allows name corrections for minor spelling errors, first/last name swaps, nickname-to-legal-name updates, and legal name changes due to marriage, divorce, or court orders. Name corrections cannot be done online — you must call **+1-844-213-7319** or contact your travel agent. Name transfers to a different person are never allowed.

United's name correction policy is based on a simple rule: the correction must represent the same passenger who originally booked the ticket. Fixing a typo — 'Jhon' to 'John' — clearly represents the same person. Changing the name from 'John Smith' to 'Mary Jones' would be a transfer, which is never permitted. Between these extremes, United uses judgment based on the similarity of the corrected name to the original and the supporting documentation provided.

## How Do I Fix a Typo in My Name on a United Ticket?

Call United at **+1-844-213-7319** immediately. Say: 'I have a typo in my name on my ticket and need a correction.' Provide your PNR and the correct spelling. Minor typos of 1–3 characters are corrected in real time during the call at no charge. Your updated e-ticket is emailed within minutes.

**Step 1.** Call **+1-844-213-7319** (available 24/7). Say: 'I have a name spelling error on my ticket and need a correction.'

**Step 2.** Provide your 6-character booking confirmation code (PNR) — found in your booking confirmation email.

**Step 3.** Tell the agent the incorrect name on the ticket and the correct legal name exactly as it appears on your passport or driver's license.

**Step 4.** The agent verifies the booking, confirms the correction is minor, and processes the update in real time.

**Step 5.** Your corrected e-ticket is emailed to the address on your booking — usually within 5 minutes.

**Step 6.** Open the email and verify the corrected name matches your government ID exactly — check every letter.

**Step 7.** If calling for a MileagePlus account name fix as well, also call **+1-844-213-7319**.

## What Types of Name Corrections Does United Allow?

United allows: typos of 1–3 characters, transposed letters, first/last name field swaps, nickname to legal name (e.g., Bob → Robert), middle name additions or corrections, and legal name changes with supporting documentation. United does not allow tickets to be reissued under a completely different person's name.

- **Single letter typos:** 'Jhon' → 'John', 'Smtih' → 'Smith', 'Micheal' → 'Michael'
- **Transposed letters:** 'Davd' → 'David', 'Robrt' → 'Robert'
- **First/last name swap:** 'Smith John' → 'John Smith'
- **Nickname to legal name:** 'Bob' → 'Robert', 'Liz' → 'Elizabeth'
- **Missing/extra letter:** 'Wiliam' → 'William', 'Jonn' → 'John'
- **Legal name change:** Marriage, divorce, court order (with documentation)
- **Not allowed:** Changing ticket to a different person entirely

## How Do I Fix a Name Swap on My United Ticket?

If your first and last name are in the wrong fields (e.g., 'Smith John' instead of 'John Smith'), call +1-844-213-7319 and say: 'My first and last name are reversed on my ticket and I need them corrected.' This is one of the simplest corrections — agents process it in real time at no charge.

First/last name reversals are a very common booking error — they happen easily when entering information in a hurry or when different cultures order names differently. United treats this as a straightforward correction since the same letters and same person are involved. The agent simply swaps the name fields and reissues the ticket. No documentation is needed beyond your PNR and your correct ID name order. Call +1-844-213-7319 — this call typically takes under 10 minutes.

## Is It Free to Correct a Name on a United Ticket?

Yes — most name corrections on United tickets are processed at no charge. United does not have a dedicated name correction fee. Minor typos, name swaps, and nickname-to-legal-name updates are typically free. Legal name changes with documentation are also generally free. Call +1-844-213-7319 to confirm for your specific ticket.

United's policy of not charging for name corrections is one of the most passenger-friendly aspects of their service. While some carriers charge \$100–\$200 for name corrections, United processes most corrections as a courtesy. The only scenario where a cost might arise is if the ticket must be fully repriced during reissuance — this can happen if the original fare class is no longer available. Before authorizing any change, always ask the agent: 'Will there be any fare difference or reissuance cost?' to protect yourself from surprises.

**■ Fix Your United Name — Free Correction Call: +1-844-213-7319**

## How Quickly Can United Correct a Name on My Ticket?

Minor spelling corrections are done immediately during your call — typically in 5–10 minutes. Your corrected e-ticket is emailed within minutes of the call ending. Legal name changes take 3–7 business days for document review. If your flight is tomorrow, call +1-844-213-7319 immediately and explain the urgency.

Speed depends entirely on the type of correction. For a one-letter typo, a United agent can correct, reissue, and email your ticket while you're still on the phone. For a legal name change, the Identity Verification team reviews your documents and processes the correction — this queue runs 3–7 business days under normal volume. If you have a flight within 72 hours and need a legal name change expedited, call +1-844-213-7319 and tell the agent: 'My flight is [date] and I need an expedited review.' United's support team has a process for flagging urgent cases.

## Can I Correct a Name on a United Basic Economy Ticket?

Yes. Name corrections apply to all United fare types including Basic Economy. The correction is separate from Basic Economy's change/cancel restrictions. Call +1-844-213-7319 and request the name correction — the process is the same as for any other fare type.

This is an important distinction many passengers miss. Basic Economy tickets cannot be changed (different date, different flight) or cancelled for a refund after 24 hours. But name corrections are not 'changes' in the policy sense — they are corrections of existing data to reflect the actual passenger. United treats name corrections as a separate category from ticket modifications. A Basic Economy ticket with your name misspelled can — and should — be corrected without any penalty or restriction.

## What Should I Do If My Flight Is Tomorrow and My Name Is Wrong?

Call United immediately at +1-844-213-7319. Explain that your flight is tomorrow and you have a name discrepancy. For minor typos, agents can correct in real time. For legal name changes, ask for expedited review. Arrive at the airport 2–3 hours early and bring both your old and new IDs plus any legal documents.

**Step 1.** Call **+1-844-213-7319** immediately — do not wait. Lines are fastest before 8 AM or after 10 PM Eastern.

**Step 2.** Explain: 'My flight is tomorrow and there is a name error on my ticket. I need an urgent correction.'

**Step 3.** For typos: the agent corrects in real time — your updated ticket is emailed immediately.

**Step 4.** For legal name changes: ask the agent for 'expedited Identity Verification review' for time-sensitive travel.

**Step 5.** Get a case number from the agent before ending the call for follow-up reference. **Step 6.** Arrive at the airport 2–3 hours early (domestic) or 3+ hours (international).

**Step 7.** Go directly to the United ticket counter — not the kiosk — so a human agent can review your documents if needed.

## How Do I Correct a Name on a United Ticket Booked Through Expedia or Another OTA?

If your United ticket was booked through a third party (Expedia, Kayak, Orbitz, etc.), contact that platform first to request the name correction. The OTA holds the ticket and must submit the correction to United. For urgent corrections within 24 hours of your flight, call United directly at +1-844-213-7319.

OTA bookings add an extra step to the name correction process. The third party must authorize and submit the correction to United — United cannot unilaterally change tickets held by OTAs in most cases. However, if you are within 24 hours of your flight and the OTA is unavailable or unresponsive, call United at +1-844-213-7319 and explain the urgency. United agents sometimes work directly with passengers on urgent OTA booking corrections when time constraints make the standard OTA process impractical.

## Do I Need to Update My MileagePlus Name Separately?

Yes. Your MileagePlus profile name is separate from your ticket name. Both should match your government ID. To update your MileagePlus name, call +1-844-213-7319 or log in to United.com and complete the Identity Verification Form. Minor updates may be editable directly in your profile settings.

Keeping your MileagePlus profile name in sync with your ticket name and ID prevents miles-crediting

issues and ensures a smooth experience when booking future trips. If your MileagePlus name shows your maiden name but your new ticket shows your married name, your miles may not credit correctly. Update your profile at United.com by navigating to your account profile page and following the name update prompts. For legal name changes in your MileagePlus profile, documentation is required — the same documents used for your ticket correction can be submitted.

**■ Update MileagePlus Name Now — Call: +1-844-213-7319**

## **Can United Fix My Name at the Airport?**

Yes — United's airport ticket counter agents can make minor name corrections on-site. However, this is not guaranteed and depends on agent availability and time before boarding. Always try to fix name issues in advance by calling +1-844-213-7319. Use the airport counter as a last resort only.

Airport name corrections work best for minor, obvious typos where the agent can see immediately that it's the same person. Arrive early — at least 90 minutes before domestic flights and 2.5–3 hours before international. Go directly to the full-service ticket counter, not the self-check-in kiosks. Bring your passport or driver's license to show the correct spelling. If the correction cannot be processed at the airport, the agent will advise next steps. This situation is avoidable — a quick call to +1-844-213-7319 before you travel eliminates the airport-counter anxiety entirely.

## **What Is the Process for a United Court-Ordered Name Change?**

For a court-ordered name change, call +1-844-213-7319 and follow the Identity Verification process. Submit your signed court order (with judge's signature and court seal), your old government ID, and your new government ID (if issued). Processing takes 3–7 business days. Urgent requests for imminent travel can be expedited.

Court-ordered name changes include: gender transition name changes, name changes from adoption proceedings, and any name change granted by a court judgment. United recognizes all court-ordered name changes as qualifying legal events for ticket name updates. The key document is the court order itself — it must bear the judge's signature and the court's official seal to be accepted as documentation. Submit via United's Identity Verification Form at United.com after calling +1-844-213-7319.

## **How Do I Know If My Name Correction Was Successful?**

You will receive a new e-ticket confirmation email with the corrected name within minutes of a typo correction. For legal name changes, you'll receive an approval email within 3–7 business days. Your updated name will also appear in 'My Trips' at United.com. Call +1-844-213-7319 if you don't receive confirmation within the expected timeframe.

Always verify your corrected e-ticket against your government ID letter by letter. Check: first name, last

name, middle name (if applicable), and any suffixes (Jr., Sr., etc.). Your booking reference (PNR) remains the same — only the passenger name field changes. If your 'My Trips' still shows the old name after a phone correction, log out and back in, or clear your browser cache. If the issue persists, call +1-844-213-7319 with your case number.

## **Can I Correct a Name Error Through the United App or Website?**

No. Name corrections on United tickets cannot be done through the United.com website self-service tools or the Fly United app. You must call +1-844-213-7319 or contact your travel agent. The website and app only handle standard trip modifications, not name correction requests.

This is a common source of confusion — passengers search United.com for a 'name change' option and can't find it. United intentionally requires a phone call for name corrections because agents must verify the passenger's identity and the nature of the correction before reissuing the ticket. This protects against fraudulent name changes. The process is fast — a call to +1-844-213-7319 for a minor typo typically takes under 10 minutes and your corrected ticket is emailed the same day.

## **What Is United's Name Correction Phone Number?**

The primary phone number for United name corrections is +1-844-213-7319, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For MileagePlus account name updates, call +1-844-213-7319. International callers can reach United at +1-844-569-1450. When you call, say 'name correction' to be routed efficiently.

Knowing the right number and what to say saves time. For ticket name corrections, +1-844-213-7319 is your primary contact. The best times to call for minimal hold times are before 8 AM Eastern or after 10 PM Eastern — these windows typically have wait times under 5 minutes. When the automated system answers, say 'Name correction' or 'Existing reservation' to be routed to the appropriate agent queue. Have your PNR and correct spelling ready before the agent answers.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: How do I correct a name on a United ticket?**

A: Call +1-844-213-7319 and say 'I need a name correction on my ticket.' Provide your PNR and the correct legal name. Minor typos are corrected in real time. Legal name changes take 3–7 business days.

### **Q: Is there a fee to correct a name on United?**

A: No. United does not charge a name correction fee. Most corrections are processed at no cost. A fare difference may apply only if the ticket must be fully repriced during reissuance — always ask before confirming.

### **Q: Can I correct a name on a United ticket online?**

A: No. Name corrections require a phone call to +1-844-213-7319 or contact with your travel agent.

The United.com website and Fly United app do not have a self-service name correction function.

**Q: How long does it take to fix a name on a United ticket?**

A: Minor typos are corrected in real time during your call — your updated e-ticket arrives by email within minutes. Legal name changes (marriage, divorce, court order) take 3–7 business days for document review.

**Q: What if I just noticed a name error and my flight is in 2 hours?**

A: Call +1-844-213-7319 immediately. Explain your flight is imminent. Minor typos can be corrected in real time. Also arrive at the airport as early as possible and go directly to the United ticket counter with your ID.

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