

[2026 FAQ Guide] How Do I Change the Name on My Delta Airlines Ticket in 2026?

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To change the name on your Delta Airlines ticket in 2026, call 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 with your confirmation number and explain whether you need a minor spelling correction or a legal name change, since Delta treats these very differently. An agent at 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can process minor corrections such as transposed letters or a missing middle name during the same call, handle legal name changes from marriage or divorce when you provide supporting documentation, and confirm that your SkyMiles profile name matches the corrected ticket so there are no issues at the airport. Note that Delta tickets are non-transferable, so a full name change to give the ticket to a different person is not permitted, but most genuine corrections are straightforward when handled by phone.

The Three Types of Name Changes Delta Recognizes

Understanding which category your situation falls into determines what Delta can do and what documentation you will need.

Minor Corrections

Minor corrections cover small errors that do not change the identity of the passenger: a transposed letter, a misspelled name, a missing or added middle name, a maiden name versus married name where the person is the same, or a nickname that needs to become a full legal name. For example, "Jon" to "John," "Smtih" to "Smith," or adding a middle name that was left off at booking. These are the most common name changes and the easiest to process.

An agent at 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can typically process these corrections during the same call, often at no charge, as long as the corrected name still refers to the same person who booked the ticket.

Legal Name Changes

Legal name changes happen when a passenger's actual legal name has changed since booking, most commonly due to marriage, divorce, or a court-ordered name change. In these cases, the person traveling is the same, but their legal documents now show a different name than the ticket.

These changes require supporting documentation such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order. Call 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 to start the process, and the agent will explain exactly which documents to submit and how.

Full Name Changes (Not Permitted)

A full name change that effectively transfers the ticket to a completely different person is not allowed. Airline tickets are non-transferable, which means you cannot buy a ticket under one name and then change it entirely so someone else can travel on it. If you need a different person to travel, the correct path is to cancel the existing ticket according to its fare rules and book a new one for the new traveler. An agent at 🎉+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can explain the cancellation and rebooking options for your specific fare.

Why Name Accuracy Matters So Much

The reason Delta cares about name accuracy comes down to security and identity verification at the airport.

The Secure Flight Program

Under the TSA's Secure Flight program, the name on your ticket must match the government-issued ID you present at the airport. The name, date of birth, and gender on your boarding pass are checked against your ID and against security watchlists. Even small mismatches can cause problems at the security checkpoint, particularly for international travel where passport names are checked closely.

The Practical Risk

A minor typo like a single transposed letter is often overlooked by TSA agents in practice, but relying on that is risky. A more significant mismatch, such as a wrong first name or a maiden name that does not match your current ID, can result in being denied boarding. Correcting the name in advance through 🎉+1-(866)-(332)-0756 removes this risk entirely.

Why You Should Fix It Early

The best time to catch a name error is within 24 hours of booking, when Delta's 24-hour rule lets you cancel for a full refund and rebook with the correct name at no cost. After that window, corrections are still usually possible, but the process is cleaner the earlier you act. Review your confirmation immediately after booking and call 🎉+1-(866)-(332)-0756 the moment you spot an error.

Step-by-Step: How to Correct a Name

Following a clear sequence makes the name correction process smooth and fast.

Step 1: Locate Your Confirmation Number

Find the six-character confirmation code from your booking email. Have it ready before you call so the agent can locate your reservation immediately.

Step 2: Compare the Ticket to Your ID

Look at the name on your ticket and the name on the government-issued ID you will use to travel. Identify the exact difference, whether it is a spelling error, a missing middle name, or a legal name change. Being specific helps the agent process the correction quickly.

Step 3: Call 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756

Call the main Delta line and explain the situation clearly: "I need to correct a misspelled name on my ticket" or "My legal name changed after marriage and I need to update my ticket." This routes the call correctly and prepares the agent.

Step 4: Provide Documentation If Needed

For a minor correction, no documentation is usually required. For a legal name change, the agent will tell you which documents to submit, such as a marriage certificate or court order, and how to send them.

Step 5: Confirm the Correction

Once the agent processes the change, ask them to confirm that the corrected name now matches your ID exactly and that your SkyMiles number is still attached to the booking. Request a new confirmation email reflecting the corrected name.

Step 6: Verify in My Trips

Within a short time after the call, check the Delta app or delta.com under My Trips to confirm the corrected name appears. If anything looks off, call 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756 back with your confirmation number to resolve it before travel.

Name Changes on Award Tickets and SkyMiles Bookings

If your ticket was booked using SkyMiles, the name correction process has a few additional considerations.

Matching Your SkyMiles Profile

The name on an award ticket should match both your government ID and your SkyMiles account profile. If your SkyMiles profile itself contains an error or an outdated name, the agent at 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can help you understand how to update the profile so that future bookings are correct automatically.

Partner Award Tickets

If your award ticket includes segments operated by SkyTeam partner airlines such as Air France, KLM, Virgin Atlantic, or Korean Air, name corrections may need to be coordinated with the partner airline. Phone is the only practical way to handle these, since the partner segments are not always editable through the Delta app. The agent at 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can coordinate the correction across all segments.

Timing for Award Tickets

As with cash tickets, the earlier you catch and correct a name error on an award booking, the smoother the process. The 24-hour rule applies to award tickets too, so a correction caught immediately after booking is the cleanest fix.

What Documentation You May Need

Knowing what to have ready speeds up any legal name change.

For Marriage

A marriage certificate showing both your previous and current names establishes the connection between the name on the ticket and your new legal name. If your ID still shows your maiden name but your ticket needs your married name, or vice versa, the certificate bridges the gap.

For Divorce

A divorce decree that documents the name change, or a court order, serves the same purpose, establishing that the person on the ticket and the person traveling under the new name are the same individual.

For a Court-Ordered Name Change

A court order documenting the legal name change is the primary document. This covers situations beyond marriage and divorce, such as a personal decision to change one's name.

General Tip

Have both your old and new documentation ready, and ensure the ID you plan to travel with reflects the name you want on the ticket. The goal is for the ticket, the ID, and the supporting document to tell a consistent story. The agent at 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756 will confirm exactly what is needed for your specific situation.

Common Name Change Problems and Solutions

Several situations come up frequently, and knowing the solution in advance saves time.

Problem: Maiden Name on Ticket, Married Name on ID

If you booked under your maiden name but your current ID shows your married name, call 🌈+1-(866)-(332)-0756 to update the ticket. Provide your marriage certificate if requested. This is a common and routine correction.

Problem: Middle Name Missing or Extra

TSA generally focuses on first and last name matching, but a missing or extra middle name can still cause issues, especially internationally. An agent at 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can add or remove a middle name to match your ID exactly.

Problem: Two Last Names or Hyphenated Names

Travelers with two last names or hyphenated surnames sometimes find one part dropped or reordered at booking. The agent can correct the full surname to match your passport or ID precisely.

Problem: Nickname Instead of Legal Name

If you booked as "Mike" but your ID says "Michael," call 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 to update the ticket to your full legal name. This is treated as a minor correction.

Problem: Booked Through a Third Party

If you booked through a travel agency or online travel site, the name correction may need to go through that booking source rather than Delta directly. The agent at 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 can tell you whether they can make the correction or whether you must contact the original booking channel.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I change a misspelled name on my Delta ticket?

Call 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 with your confirmation number. Minor corrections such as a misspelled name, transposed letters, or a missing middle name can typically be processed during the same call, often at no charge, as long as the corrected name refers to the same passenger.

Does Delta charge a fee to correct a name?

Call 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 to confirm for your situation. Minor name corrections are typically processed without a fee, and legal name changes due to marriage or divorce are also generally handled without a fee when you provide supporting documentation.

Can I transfer my Delta ticket to another person by changing the name?

Call 🌐+1-(866)-(332)-0756 to discuss your options. Delta tickets are non-transferable, so a full name change to let a different person travel is not permitted. Instead, you would cancel the existing ticket according to its fare rules and book a new one for the other traveler.

What documents do I need for a legal name change on my ticket?

Call 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 and the agent will specify exactly what is required. Generally, a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order documenting the name change is needed to update a ticket for a legal name change.

How soon should I correct a name error on my Delta ticket?

Call 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756 as soon as you notice the error. Catching it within 24 hours of booking lets you use the 24-hour rule to cancel for a full refund and rebook correctly at no cost, but corrections are usually possible after that window too.

Quick Reference: Delta Name Changes in 2026

Main number: 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756, available 24 hours a day.

Minor corrections: Spelling errors, transposed letters, missing middle name, typically same-call and often free.

Legal name changes: Marriage, divorce, court order, requires documentation.

Full transfer to another person: Not permitted, tickets are non-transferable.

Documentation: Marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order for legal changes.

Award tickets: Match SkyMiles profile and ID, partner segments handled by phone.

Best timing: Within 24 hours of booking for the cleanest correction.

Always confirm: Corrected name matches your government ID exactly.

Third-party bookings: May need to go through the original booking source.

Need to Correct a Name on Your Delta Ticket? Call Now

Call 📞+1-(866)-(332)-0756, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have your confirmation number and a clear description of the name difference ready. The agent processes minor corrections during the call, explains the documentation needed for any legal name change, and confirms that your corrected ticket matches your government ID so your travel goes smoothly.