

# Name Change Form and Policy for American Airlines — What You Need to Know

Changing or correcting the name on a flight ticket can be a stressful moment — especially if it risks disrupting your travel plans. If you're flying with American Airlines (AA), understanding their name-change and name-correction policy ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] can save you time, money, and avoid last-minute headaches at the airport.

Here's an SEO-optimized guide covering everything from when you can correct a name, how to request it, to common FAQs. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

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## What Is the American Airlines Name Change / Correction Policy ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

American Airlines does **not** allow full transfer of a ticket from one ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] person to another. Tickets are **non-transferable**. [saleslink.aa.com+2theflightexpress.com+2](https://saleslink.aa.com+2theflightexpress.com+2)

Instead, AA offers two main options:

- **Minor name corrections** — spelling fixes, small typos, reversing first/last name, missing middle name or title, etc. [saleslink.aa.com+2flightaura.com+2](https://saleslink.aa.com+2flightaura.com+2) ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
- **Major corrections / legal name changes** — e.g. after marriage/divorce, legal name change, or if you need to correct code-share / partner-airline tickets. This often requires reissuing the ticket/rebooking. [saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2](https://saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2) ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

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## Who Can Request a Name Change ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

- Only the **original passenger** can request a name correction. Changing the passenger (i.e. giving your ticket to someone else) is **not allowed**. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1) ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

- The ticket must be **unused** — i.e. you have not yet flown any segment of the itinerary. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1) 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
  - For minor corrections, the original **date of birth (DOB)** and **gender** details must remain unchanged. [saleslink.aa.com](https://saleslink.aa.com) 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
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## When Are Minor Corrections Allowed

Minor corrections are usually allowed when: 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

- There is a **spelling error** in first or last name. [EVINTRA+1](https://EVINTRA+1)
- First and last name were **reversed** during booking. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)
- A middle name was omitted, or a suffix/title was missing or mis-entered. 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] [theflightexpress.com+1](https://theflightexpress.com+1)
- The booking includes only flights operated by American Airlines (not code-share / partner flights). [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)

Such corrections can often be done **within the existing booking (PNR)** and typically **without any fee**. [theflightexpress.com+1](https://theflightexpress.com+1)

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## When a Major Correction (or Name Change) Is Required 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

A major correction — or legal name change — is needed when:

- The ticket includes **codeshare, partner-airline, or non-American-operated flights**. [saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2](https://saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2)
- There is a **legal name change** (e.g. due to marriage or court-ordered name change). [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)
- The mistake is significant (not just a small typo — perhaps completely wrong name). [Edqour+1](https://Edqour+1)

In these cases, AA may require you to **cancel the original ticket** 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] and create a **new booking** (same flights/dates/fare class) 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] under the corrected name. Fare difference or rebooking fees may apply depending on fare rules. [siyatra.com+2Edqour+2](mailto:siyatra.com+2Edqour+2)

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## How to Request a Name Correction or Name Change with American Airlines 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

1. **Do not try to change the name on your own** — most name corrections are handled by AA agents, not via self-service. [americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+1](mailto:americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+1)
  2. **Call American Airlines' customer service** (e.g. the official reservations/help desk number) as soon as you notice the error. 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] [americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+2americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+2](mailto:americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+2americanairlinescustomersupport.zohodesk.com+2)
  3. **Have your booking reference (PNR), ticket number, and a valid government ID or passport ready.** For legal name changes, also keep legal documentation (e.g. marriage certificate, court order) ready. [eventreg.asu.edu+1](mailto:eventreg.asu.edu+1)
  4. For minor corrections, the name can often be fixed in the same booking (PNR). [saleslink.aa.com+1](mailto:saleslink.aa.com+1)
  5. For major corrections / name changes, you may need a **new booking** under the correct name, but ideally retain the same 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] flights/dates/fare class. [saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2](mailto:saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2)
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## Important Restrictions & Considerations

- **Tickets are non-transferable.** You cannot simply change the name to another person. [saleslink.aa.com+1](mailto:saleslink.aa.com+1)
- Minor corrections typically must be done **well before the flight** — often at least **24 hours before departure**. [saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2](mailto:saleslink.aa.com+2Edqour+2)
- Date of birth and gender (in Secure Flight / SFPD data) cannot be changed during a name correction. [saleslink.aa.com](mailto:saleslink.aa.com)

- If your flight involves non-AA segments, expect that the ticket might need a **full reissue** (new PNR), which might require paying fare difference. [Edqour+1](#)

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## Why Name Corrections Matter — Don't Risk Boarding Denial

The name on your ticket must **exactly match** 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] the name on your official travel ID (passport or government-issued ID). If there's a mismatch — even a small spelling error — you could be **denied boarding**. 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903] That's why airlines, including AA, strictly enforce name accuracy. [saleslink.aa.com+1](#)

Fixing a name error (especially minor corrections) is much easier when done early — once you've checked in or are too close to departure, making changes becomes harder (or sometimes impossible). [saleslink.aa.com+1](#)

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## Documentation Required for Name Corrections / Changes

- A **valid government-issued ID or passport** matching the corrected name. For minor corrections, a scan/photo may suffice. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
- For **legal name changes** (e.g. after marriage/divorce), you may need to provide **legal proof**: marriage certificate, court order, or updated ID. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
- Booking reference (PNR) or ticket number, and reservation details (flights, dates, fare class). ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
- For minor corrections, no additional endorsement is usually required beyond noting the correction in AA's system (often using a waiver or code). [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com)

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## Typical Costs and Fees for Name Corrections

- **Minor corrections (typo, small changes)** — usually **free** if done under AA's minor-correction policy. [theflightexpress.com+1](https://theflightexpress.com)
- **Major corrections / legal name changes** — may require reissuing the ticket; depending on fare rules, you might pay a fare difference or rebooking fee. [Edgour+2siyatra.com+2](https://Edgour+2siyatra.com)
- In many cases, AA aims to reissue under the **original fare and booking class** when possible, but that depends on inventory and fare-class availability. [flightaura.com+1](https://flightaura.com)

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## Best Practices & Tips Before Booking

- Always **enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport or government ID** (first name, last name, middle name if present).
- Double-check the spelling **before finalizing booking** — catching typos earlier is much easier than correcting later.

- For frequent flyers: ensure your name in your frequent-flyer account/profile exactly matches your ID. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
  - If you legally change your name (marriage, legal process), don't delay — update your booking well ahead of your travel date, and be ready with documentation. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
  - If you booked via a travel agency or third-party site — contact the agency first; name corrections may need their help. ☎ 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]
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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Can I change my name on an American Airlines ticket to someone else (transfer the ticket)?**
  - No. AA does **not allow full passenger transfers**. Tickets are non-transferable. Only the originally booked passenger can make name corrections. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)
2. **Will American Airlines charge me a fee for correcting a typo in my name?**
  - Usually not. Minor name corrections — such as spelling mistakes or small typos — are typically allowed without charge. [theflightexpress.com+1](https://theflightexpress.com+1)
3. **What if I legally changed my name (e.g. after marriage)? Can AA update it on my ticket?**
  - Yes — but this is considered a major correction. You'll likely need to provide legal documentation (marriage certificate or new ID), and AA may need to reissue your ticket. [saleslink.aa.com+2Edgour+2](https://saleslink.aa.com+2Edgour+2)
4. **Until when can I request a name correction?**
  - Minor corrections should be done **well before departure** — many guidelines say at least 24 hours prior. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)
5. **Can I change my name online on AA's website?**
  - Not always. While some minor updates might be possible through "Manage Trips," most name corrections require **contacting AA customer service by phone or at airport ticket counter**.

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6. **What details cannot be changed when correcting a name?**

- You cannot change your **date of birth or gender** as part of a name correction under the minor-correction policy. [saleslink.aa.com](https://saleslink.aa.com)

7. **What if my flight includes code-share or partner-airline segments?**

- Then AA may treat a name correction as a **major correction**, requiring a new booking / ticket reissuance. [Edqour+1](#)

8. **Do I need to cancel the original ticket before re-booking under a corrected name?**

- For major corrections or legal name changes — yes. You may need a new booking under the correct name with the same flights/dates/fare class. [Edqour+1](#)

9. **Will changing the name affect the fare or seat availability?**

- It can. When reissuing a ticket (for major corrections), if the original fare class isn't available, you may need to pay the fare difference. [siyatra.com+2Edqour+2](#)

10. **What happens if the name on my ticket doesn't match my passport at the airport?**

- You risk being **denied boarding**. It's critically important that the flight ticket name matches your official ID exactly. [saleslink.aa.com+1](https://saleslink.aa.com+1)

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## Conclusion

Navigating name changes or corrections with American Airlines doesn't have to be painful — as long as you act early, know the difference between a minor correction and a major name change, and prepare the necessary documentation. The key takeaway: **AA allows corrections for the original passenger, but does not allow ticket transfers to another person.** 📞  
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To avoid unnecessary stress: always double-check your name during booking, keep your ID handy, and contact AA customer service as soon as you notice an error. 📞 1-[860]-[327]-[8903]

If you like — I can also draft a **ready-to-use sample name-correction request email/template** for you to send to AA (or a travel agent). Would you like me to do that now? 📞  
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