



Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares: Eligibility, Rules & Savings

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Unexpected family emergencies can require travelers to arrange flights at very short notice. Delta Air Lines offers a **bereavement fare policy** for eligible SkyMiles members who need to travel because of the death of an immediate family member. These fares are designed to provide additional flexibility when travel plans must be made quickly.

The term **Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares** is commonly used when discussing these emergency or bereavement travel options. However, travelers should understand that Delta officially describes this program as its **Bereavement Fare Policy**.

What Are Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares?

Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares refer to special fare options and flexibility that may be available when a traveler needs to fly because of the death of an immediate family member.

The benefit is not simply a guaranteed percentage discount on every flight. Delta states that bereavement fares vary in price and may provide additional flexibility, including waived ticketing or service fees in qualifying circumstances. Fare differences can still apply.

Travelers should compare the bereavement fare with regular promotional fares because a lower standard fare may sometimes be available.

What Are Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares?

- Bereavement Travel**
Available for sudden loss of an immediate family member.
- Family Emergency**
Support for critical medical situations requiring urgent travel.
- Flexible Booking**
Simplified rebooking and rescheduling options for urgent travel needs.
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- Fare Comparison**
Potential savings through specialized pricing compared to standard last-minute fares.
- Fee Flexibility**
Waiver of certain fees, such as change or cancellation fees for specific services.

Who Is Eligible?

Delta's bereavement fare program is available to SkyMiles members who need to travel because of the death of an immediate family member. Travelers who are not already SkyMiles members can enroll before using the program.

Eligible immediate family members include:

Spouse or domestic partner

Parent or stepparent

Parent-in-law

Sibling or stepsibling

Son or daughter-in-law

Child or stepchild

Sibling-in-law

Grandparent or grandchild

Aunt or uncle

Niece or nephew

Because eligibility is based on Delta's specific definition of immediate family, travelers should explain their relationship to the Delta representative when booking.

How to Book a Bereavement Fare?

One important point is that Delta bereavement fares cannot **be purchased directly through delta.com**.

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Travelers should contact Delta Reservations or use Delta's Help Center messaging option to connect with a representative. Delta lists 800-221-1212 for reservations assistance.

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When contacting Delta, have your travel information ready, including:

- Passenger name
- Desired departure and return dates
- Origin and destination
- SkyMiles information
- Relationship to the deceased family member
- Relevant supporting documentation

This can help make the booking process more efficient during an already difficult situation.

Important Travel Time Requirement

Bereavement fares are intended for urgent travel. Delta's current policy states that domestic tickets must be purchased and travel must begin **within seven days of the death or imminent death of the immediate family member**. Required documentation may be subject to verification.

This means travelers should not assume that the fare can be used for a trip several weeks or months after the event.

International tickets may have additional restrictions, so travelers should ask the Delta representative about the specific itinerary before purchasing.

Devices Supported by Delta Wi-Fi

One common misconception is that compassionate or bereavement fares always provide a large percentage discount.

Delta does not describe the program as a fixed discount percentage. Instead, fares vary according to the itinerary and availability. One important benefit is flexibility: Delta says its bereavement policy can waive service fees for the outbound and/or return portion of qualifying trips, although fare differences may still apply.

Therefore, travelers should calculate the complete ticket price before deciding.

Compare With Regular Delta Fares

Before purchasing Delta Airlines Compassionate Fares, compare the available price with Delta's regular fares.

Delta specifically notes that lower promotional fares may be available through its website or Reservations and could be a better option in some markets or circumstances.

When comparing options, consider:

- Total ticket price
- Change flexibility
- Cancellation conditions
- Fare restrictions
- Baggage charges
- Flight schedule
- Refund eligibility

The cheapest fare is not necessarily the most flexible option for emergency travel.



Change and Cancellation Flexibility

A major advantage of Delta's bereavement policy is additional flexibility when plans change.

Delta states that ticketing penalties are waived under the policy, but any difference between the original fare and the new fare may still need to be paid. Refunds are permitted only on unrestricted bereavement tickets.

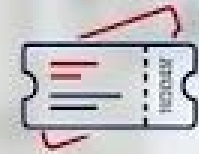
This distinction is important. A waived change or ticketing penalty does not necessarily mean the entire ticket is refundable or that changes are completely free.

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NO PENALTY FEES



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FOR FULL REFUND
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EASY CLAIM:
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