



How Many Bags Can You Take on Alaska Airlines for Free?

Introduction to Alaska Airlines Baggage Policy

Understanding baggage rules before traveling can help passengers avoid unexpected charges and prepare for a smoother airport experience. Alaska Airlines allows passengers to bring a carry-on bag and a personal item into the cabin without an additional baggage fee. However, checked baggage generally costs extra unless the traveler qualifies for a specific benefit or exemption. The **Alaska Airlines Baggage Policy** explains how many bags passengers can bring, which luggage qualifies for free transportation, and what fees apply to additional baggage. In 2026, the airline's standard checked-bag fees changed for tickets booked on or after April 10, 2026. Knowing these rules can help travelers plan their luggage and manage their travel expenses.

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How Many Bags Can You Take for Free?

Most Alaska Airlines passengers can bring two personal cabin items without paying an additional baggage fee. These include one carry-on bag and one personal item.

The carry-on bag is generally stored in the overhead compartment, while the personal item should fit underneath the seat in front of you. Examples of personal items include purses, laptop bags, and small briefcases.

Checked bags are different because standard Economy and Saver passengers generally pay fees to transport them in the aircraft's cargo hold. Certain passengers, including eligible loyalty members, qualifying credit cardholders, and First Class travelers, may receive free checked-bag benefits.

Under the **alaska baggage policy**, the number of checked bags you can transport without charge depends on your ticket, route, and eligibility for baggage benefits.



Alaska Airlines Carry-On Baggage Allowance

Alaska Airlines permits one carry-on bag measuring up to **22 x 14 x 9 inches**, including wheels and handles. Passengers may also bring one personal item that fits beneath the seat.

The carry-on allowance generally applies to both Saver and standard Economy fares, so passengers do not need to purchase a higher fare simply to bring an ordinary cabin suitcase.

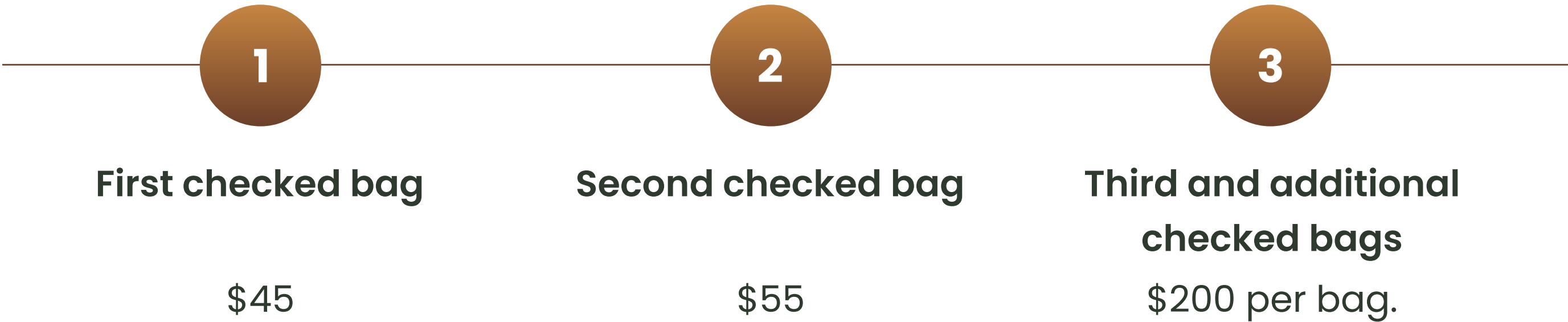
Travelers should measure their bags before leaving home because oversized luggage may need to be checked. If the overhead compartments are full, a correctly sized carry-on may also need to be gate-checked.

Keep essential items such as medication, travel documents, valuables, and necessary electronics in your personal item whenever possible. This makes them easier to access during the flight and if your carry-on must be placed in the cargo hold.

Standard Checked-Baggage Fees in 2026

For standard North American itineraries, Alaska Airlines increased its checked-baggage fees for tickets booked on or after April 10, 2026.

The standard fees are:



*These charges generally apply per passenger, per direction of travel, when the standard fee schedule applies.
Therefore, a round-trip journey with one checked bag each way would generally cost \$90.
Passengers should check the rules attached to their particular reservation because international itineraries, special programs, ticket dates, and eligible baggage benefits can change the amount payable.*

*These fees demonstrate why reviewing the **Alaska Airlines Baggage Policy** before booking or packing is important.*

Who Qualifies for Free Checked Bags?

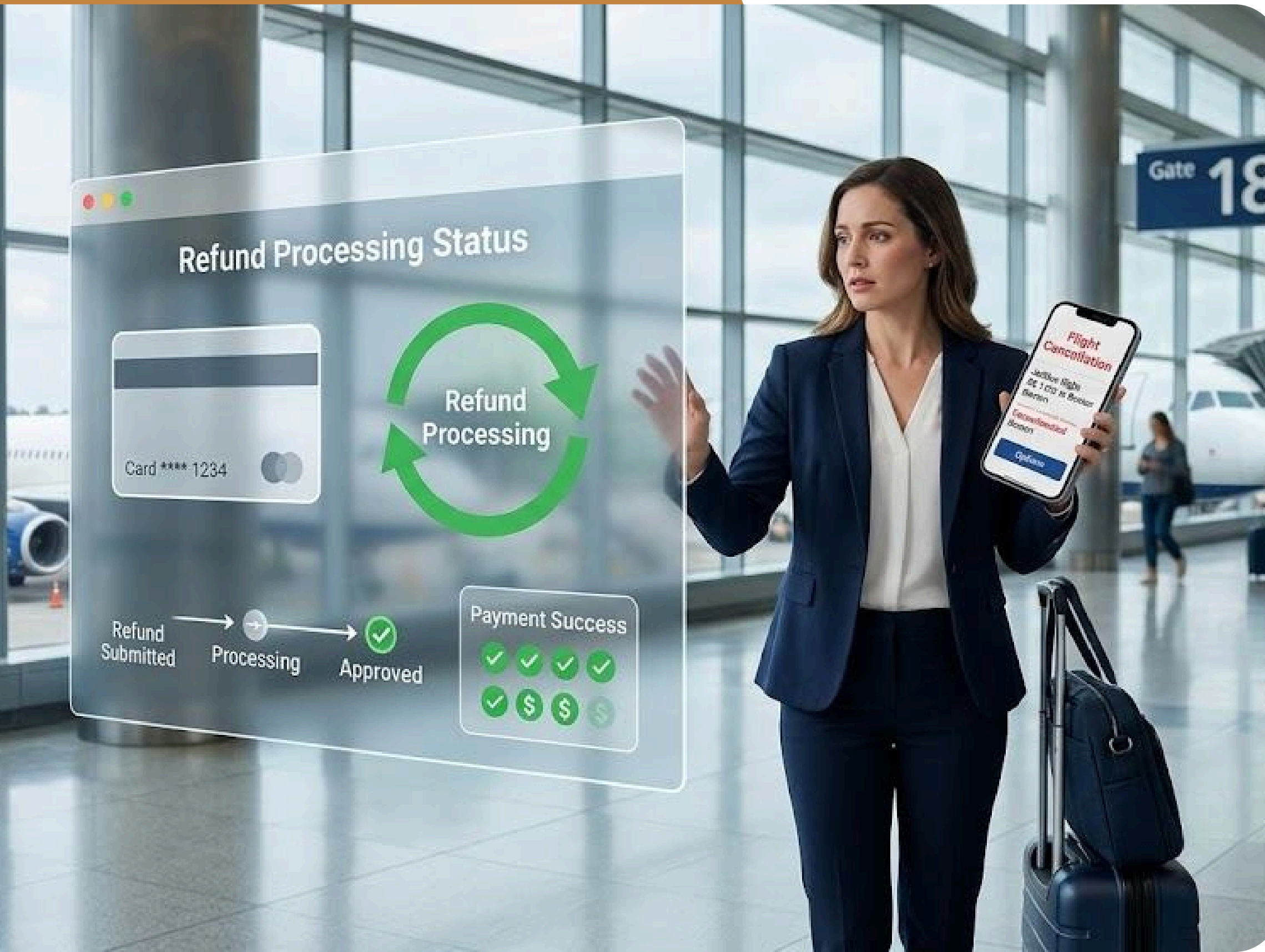
Although standard Economy passengers generally pay to check luggage, certain travelers may qualify for free checked bags.

Eligible benefits may include:

- **Atmos Rewards elite members:** Qualifying members receive baggage benefits based on their membership level.
- **Eligible Alaska Airlines credit cardholders:** Qualifying cardholders may receive a free first checked bag when applicable conditions are met.
- **First Class passengers:** Eligible First Class travelers generally receive complimentary checked-bag allowances.
- **Club 49 members:** Eligible residents and qualifying itineraries involving Alaska may receive free checked-bag benefits.
- **Active-duty U.S. military personnel:** Qualifying military travelers receive additional baggage allowances under applicable rules.

Some benefits also extend to companions traveling on the same reservation, while others have specific restrictions. Always verify your eligibility before assuming that every bag will be free.

Checked-Bag Size and Weight Limits



Passengers should pay attention to both the weight and dimensions of their checked luggage. Under the standard policy, a typical checked bag must weigh no more than **50 pounds** and measure no more than **62 linear** inches in total. Linear inches are calculated by adding the bag's length, width, and height.

For example, a suitcase measuring **28 inches** long, 20 inches wide, and 14 inches high totals 62 linear inches.

Bags that exceed the standard weight or size limits may incur additional charges or face other restrictions. Special rules may apply to sporting equipment, musical instruments, mobility devices, and other unusual items. Check the baggage rules for your particular route before packing heavy or oversized belongings.

Does the Alaska Baggage Policy Apply to Saver Fares?

Yes. Alaska Airlines Saver fares generally include the standard carry-on bag and personal item allowance. Passengers booking these lower-priced tickets can bring a properly sized cabin suitcase without paying a separate carry-on fee.

However, Saver fares have other restrictions relating to changes, refunds, seat selection, and boarding. These restrictions are separate from the baggage allowance.

Checked baggage is generally subject to the standard fees unless the passenger qualifies for an exemption or special benefit.

Before purchasing a Saver fare, compare the total ticket price and any checked-baggage costs with those of other available fare options. A slightly more expensive ticket may offer benefits that better match your travel needs.

Special Baggage Allowances and Exceptions

Certain trips and passenger categories qualify for baggage benefits beyond the standard allowance.

For example, eligible passengers traveling entirely within the state of Alaska may qualify for special checked-bag allowances under the Club 49 program. Some passengers traveling within Hawaii may also qualify for separate benefits under the Huaka'i program.

Military travelers may receive additional allowances for the number, size, or weight of their checked bags, subject to the applicable military travel rules.

Strollers, car seats, mobility equipment, and some medical devices may also receive special handling or fee exemptions.



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