

Transportation Security Administration Secure Flight Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is Secure Flight?

Secure Flight is a program of the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to check airline passenger names against those on a known terrorist watch list. Under the Secure Flight rules, airlines are required to forward basic passenger data to the TSA 72 hours prior to flight time in order to receive permission to issue boarding documents for passengers.

What information am I required to provide?

The law requires that you provide your;

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Gender

The information provided must exactly match the information contained on the identification document that you plan to present at airport security check points. This information is not optional and should be provided at the time of booking.

When will the Secure Flight rules go into effect?

The TSA plans full implementation of the program of November 1, 2010.

What if I do not provide you with the information you request?

Gant Travel collects this data in order to forward it to the airline you are flying. The law requires the airline to provide this data to the TSA before the carrier can issue a boarding pass (either in advance or at the airport). You can choose to provide the personal data directly to the airline; however you will be inhibited from printing a boarding pass until the data is collected.

Which name shall I store in my Gant traveler profile?

You should provide us with the legal name exactly as it appears on the government-issued photo identification that you use to clear security check points at U.S. airports. It is important that the name on your airline ticket matches exactly the name on your I.D. For example, if your ID lists your name as "Francis Scott Fitzgerald", that name MUST appear on your airline ticket. Even if you generally are known as "F Scott Fitzgerald", the name on your ticket must read "Francis Scott Fitzgerald" to match the name on your identification.

My passport lists my middle name, but my driver's license does not. Which name should I store in my Gant traveler profile?

If possible, we strongly suggest that you amend the name on your driver's license to match the name that appears on your passport. However, we recognize that while U.S. Passports generally include a full, middle name, the driver's licenses of many states allow only a single middle initial. In this case, we suggest that you travel under the legal name that appears on your passport, and plan to use your passport as identification whenever you travel (even when traveling within the United States). Alternatively, you must remember to tell us which version of your name to use every time you make a reservation with us. Remember, if the name on your ticket does not exactly match the name on your ID, you may be subject to additional security screening at the airport.

I generally travel using a nickname instead of my legal first name. Do I need to change?

Yes, even if you have generally traveled under a commonly used nickname (Pete instead of Peter, for example); you must now travel under the legal name listed on your government issued photo identification.

I use a suffix (such as "Jr") or honorific (such as "Dr") in my name. Can I continue to use that on airline tickets?

No. The law requires that we omit suffixes and honorifics.

Will these changes impact my airline frequent flier programs or hotel loyalty programs?

They may. Any air, car, or hotel reservation made by Gant Travel is made under the name stored in your traveler profile. Since some travelers used nicknames or abbreviated names when enrolling into these programs, the names associated with each program may differ from the legal name that we now must use on your reservation. Generally, the programs validate the name on a reservation against the name on the loyalty account before crediting flights or hotel stays. There is a chance that you may not receive credit for some activity if the name on the program account doesn't match the name on your reservation.

Will children now be required to show ID at check in?

The TSA does not require minors (17 and under) to present a photo ID to pass through security. In cases where a minor does not carry a government ID, the TSA may authorize the minor and an adult accompanying the minor to state the individual's full name and date of birth in lieu of providing a verifying document. Children who travel regularly may find it helpful to secure a state-issued ID under programs available in all states.

While an ID is not required of children, we must still collect the legal name, gender and date of birth of the child.

What happens if the name on my airline ticket doesn't *exactly* match the name on my ID?

You may be subject to additional security screening at the airport.

Where can I go for more information?

You can visit the following websites for more information;

A listing of airline frequent flier programs and instructions for amending the name on your accounts can be found at the Gant Travel website
www.ganttravel.com/tsa

Information about the Secure Flight program from ASTA, the American Society of Travel Agents, can be found at their website
www.asta.org/secureflight

Information about the TSA and their programs can be found at their website
www.tsa.gov