Schedule Change - Refund Guidelines
Ticket issued on/after April 8, 2020

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Any ticketed fare (wholly unused or partial) may be eligible for refund following the guidelines below.

### Determining Flight Time Change

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The flight time change is determined by the length of delay to the new connecting flight which may be unacceptable to the customer, per the example:

**Example:**

- **Old Flight**: 2328 26JAN DFWORD 643A 900A
- **New Flight**: *2632 26JAN ORDSTL_ 940A 1054A
  
  New arrival time is later:
  
  **DFW ORD 723A 940A**

- Next available valid connection ORDSTL departs 2:00p arrives 3:12p
- New connection is a 260 minute flight time change.
- The new connection is a total of 300 minutes which qualifies for a refund

### 0 – 4 hours

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- Refund to Original Form of Payment:
  - Non-refundable fares - **Not** allowed
  - Refundable fares with a cancellation fee - May refund to original form of payment (FOP) minus the cancellation fee

### Greater than 4 hours – or –

**Nonstop to Connecting Flight** (No length of delay required) – or –

**Change of Operating Carrier** (Example: AA to American Eagle) – or –

**AA or AA*/Codeshare, Reduction in Frequency (Day of week)/Suspension of Service** – or –

**Discontinuation/ Withdrawal of Service** (wholly unused or partially used)

- Refund to Original Form of Payment – Allowed, as long as customer was Holding Confirmed (HK) prior to the change
- Travel Agent to Process Ticket Refund To Original Form Of Payment (FOP)
Invalid Connection (MCT) / No connection available

Invalid connections resulting in a total of greater than 4 hours or there is no connection on the same day qualifies for a refund.

An invalid connection flight time change is determined by the length of delay to the new connecting flight which may be unacceptable to the customer, see example below:

Example:
- 6367K 26JAN BSLLHR 700A 745A Schedule change has an invalid connection: VCT
- 6160K 26JAN LHRMIA 900A 150P INVALID CONNECT TIME SEGS 1 AND 2-MINIMUM IS 90 MINUTES
- 1546K 26JAN MIAGND 501P 944P

- Schedule change: LHR MIA to depart 900A which results in illegal connection in LHR (required 90 minutes)
- Later LHRMIA flights do not guarantee the same day arrival in GND
- There is no connection on the same day, results in overnight, which qualifies for a refund

- Refund to Original Form of Payment – Allowed, as long as the customer was Holding Confirmed (HK) prior to the change
- Travel Agent to Process Ticket Refund To Original Form Of Payment (FOP)
- Refer to Travel Agency Refund Processing for more information

Aircraft Cabin Change (Downgrade)

Examples: First Class to Business Class / Premium Economy to Main Cabin

- Refund to Original Form of Payment – Allowed
- Refund requests for the whole ticket (no longer using the ticket)
  - Travel Agent to Process Ticket Refund To Original Form Of Payment (FOP)
  - Refer to Travel Agency Refund Processing for more information
- Refund for partial tickets (including just the downgraded segment)
  - ARC Agencies: submit ticket to American Airlines Refunds website for downgrade refund
  - BSP Agencies: submit the Refund Application (RA) form through BSP, add downgrade information to the comments on the RA
- Compensation has been issued at the Airport for the downgrade segment
  - If the passenger has accepted a compensation voucher at the airport for the downgrade or for the inconvenience of the downgrade and the passenger travels on that ticket (ticket is now used); if the passenger is requesting additional compensation for the downgrade, please directed them to Customer Relations.

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Once the agency has accepted the schedule change and either:

- Reissued the ticket for the Schedule Change annotating SKCHG in the endorsement box
- Revalidated the ticket for schedule change using SalesLink – Schedule Change – Double-Time-Revalidate AA Flights
- AA Auto Revalidated the ticket

and the customer decides not to travel; A Refund is permitted as long as the original schedule change was greater than 240 minutes and the customer was Holding Confirmed (HK) at the time of the change

### U.S. agencies processing through ARC

- Preferred Method: process through your GDS

### International IATA agencies processing through BSPLink

- Preferred Method: process through your GDS

### ARC/IAR Refund Exchange Notification (REN):

- If unable to refund through your GDS, you may process in your IAR/Refund Detail Screen
- On the Refund Detail Screen: o SCRFND

### BSP Refund Application (RA):

- If unable to refund through your GDS, you may submit a BSP Refund Application (RA)
- On the RA – Reason for Refund: o SCRFND

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