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## American and Delta, following United's lead, eliminate change fees

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### **American Airlines:**

For tickets purchased on Oct. 1 and beyond, is removing most change fees.

The no-change-fee policy applies to all domestic flights, as well as those to select short-haul international destinations, including between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Basic economy fares and other international flights are excluded from the new policy.

Going forward, most AA tickets will be changeable — but remain non-refundable. Though you'll be able to change or cancel flights without penalty, there is no refund should you decide to cancel.

American is also adding additional flexibility for tickets purchased on or before Dec. 31, 2020. Any ticket, including basic economy and international flights, can be changed without penalty.

Starting Oct. 1, all customers will be able to enjoy free standby privileges. If the new flight is on the same day as the original departure and to the same destination,

you'll be able to standby for free.

**Delta Airlines:**

Like American and United, Delta is dropping change fees as well. Delta's offer includes domestic flights, including those to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Delta's move is effective immediately and excludes basic economy fares.

Additionally, Delta will extend its waiver on change fees for newly purchased flights, including international flights and basic economy fares, for tickets purchased by the end of the year.

Delta will also extend the expiration on travel credits through Dec. 2022 for tickets booked before April 17, 2020.

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