

Do I have to have a printed boarding pass for Southwest Airlines?

No, you **do not**  **have to have a printed boarding pass for Southwest Airlines.** Southwest fully accepts **mobile boarding passes**,  and most travelers use them without any issues.

You can check  in online or through the **Southwest mobile app** starting **24 hours before departure**. Once you check in, you'll receive a  **mobile boarding pass** with a QR code that can be scanned at airport security and at the boarding gate.  You can save it in the app, add it to your phone's wallet, or access it through email. This option is convenient, eco-friendly, and  widely accepted at airports.

If you prefer,  Southwest also allows you to **print your boarding pass at home** after online check-in. You can also print one at the airport  using **self-service kiosks** or request help from a Southwest agent at the check-in counter. Printed boarding  passes work the same way as mobile ones.

There are  a few situations where a **paper boarding pass may be useful**, such as if your phone battery is low, your screen is damaged,  or you're traveling with someone who doesn't use a smartphone. However, Southwest does not require a printed  boarding pass for domestic flights.

In summary,  **a printed boarding pass is optional on Southwest Airlines.** A mobile boarding pass is perfectly acceptable,  but printing one can be a helpful backup for peace of mind.