



## Information Paper:

# SECURE FLIGHT

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## I. OVERVIEW

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The Defense Travel System has been modified to meet the requirements of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program, which is aimed at enhancing the security of domestic and international commercial air travel using improved watch list matching. Under the program, TSA requires airlines to provide a traveler's Secure Flight Personal Data (SFPD) via a secure web portal, 72 hours before a flight's departure. SFPD consists of a traveler's full name (first, middle, and last) as it appears on their government issued identification, as well as date of birth and gender. Airlines are prohibited from issuing a boarding pass until the SFPD is transmitted and an authorization to print a boarding pass is received from TSA. *(For additional information about TSA's Secure Flight Program and program FAQs, visit [www.tsa.gov/what\\_we\\_do/layers/secureflight/index.shtm](http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/secureflight/index.shtm).)*

Travelers making reservations in DTS will be asked to verify or add their name as it appears on the state or federal government issued identification that the traveler plans to use at airport security, as well as date of birth and gender. In addition, travelers can provide a TSA-issued Redress Number or Known Traveler Number. This information is saved to a traveler's profile. The system prompts the travelers to verify or update this information for each new authorization with any travel reservations to match the government form of ID used for that trip.

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## II. SUMMARY OF NEW DTS FUNCTIONALITY

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DTS has been modified to remove "N/A" as a selection option under the *Gender* category in the profile in the DTA Maintenance tool, self registration, document profile and profile validation.

When a user indicates on the Trip Overview screen that reservations are needed for the trip and has made an initial reservation request in the Reservations Module, a "Travel/Ticket Identification" pop-up box (Figure 1) will appear. The text fields will automatically pre-populate with information pulled from the traveler's DTS profile. If a field is blank or incomplete in the traveler's DTS profile, then the information in the corresponding field of the "Travel/Ticket Identification Information" pop-up box will also be blank.



**Travel/Ticket Identification Information**

**TSA Secure Flight Information**

The Transportation Security Administration of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires us to collect information from you for purposes of watch list screening, under the authority of 49 U.S.C. section 114, and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Providing this information is voluntary; however, if it is not provided, you may be subject to additional screening or denied transport or authorization to enter a sterile area. TSA may share information you provide with law enforcement or intelligence agencies or others under its published system of records notice. For more on TSA Privacy policies, or to view the system of records notice and the privacy impact assessment, please see TSA's Web site at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

Please enter the information below to EXACTLY match the state or government issued identification card/document the traveler will be using at airport security. When entering last name, do not include suffixes (e.g., Jr.).

\* Last Name:

\* First Name:

Middle Name:   No Middle Name

\* DOB: (MM/dd/YYYY):

\* Gender:  M  F

Redress Number:

Known Traveler Number:

Save changes to permanent traveler information

Figure 1: Travel/Ticket Identification pop-up box

Users must input SFPD information **EXACTLY** as it appears on the state or government issued identification the traveler plans to use at airport security. The following fields are required to be completed to continue with the reservation process:

- **Last name** (Do not include Jr., Sr. or other suffixes)
- **First name**
- **Middle name** (or check "No Middle Name")
- **Date of birth**
- **Gender**



Users also have the option to add the following supplemental information:

- **Redress Number** – A unique number issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to facilitate passenger clearance for those who have experienced difficulties during travel security screening and participate in DHS’s Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP). The field is limited to 13 alpha-numeric characters in accordance with TSA requirements.
- **Known Traveler Number** – A unique number issued by DHS to those who participate in a voluntary program designed to expedite security screening for passengers who are willing to provide biometric and other data, and undergo a security threat assessment. The text box field is limited to 25 alpha-numeric characters in accordance with TSA requirements.

All SFPD information entered in the fields will be saved to a user’s profile if the “Save changes to permanent traveler information” box is checked in the pop-up box. To ensure the information continues to be accurate, each time a user initiates the reservation process or attempts to make travel reservations, the system provides a prompt to verify or update this information.

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### III. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. ***When can travelers expect changes in DTS?***

This capability is scheduled to be implemented in DTS on September 26, 2009.

2. ***How will those changes appear?***

After the change is implemented in DTS, users will be prompted via a pop-up screen to verify or provide additional information each time they make any reservation.

3. ***Will travelers have to input this information every time they book travel?***

After the initial input, travelers can choose to save this information as part of their DTS profile. Travelers making reservations for any future trip using DTS are prompted to verify or update the information to match the government form of ID used for each trip.

4. ***Will travelers be asked for this information when booking only air travel?***

No, travelers are asked to provide this information when making any type of reservation using the Reservations Module in DTS.