

## ⌚ The 2026 Guide: Does Frontier Give Compensation for Delayed Flights?

# 1. The "Significant Delay" Refund Rule

Under the DOT's 2026 mandates, Frontier is legally required to provide a **full cash refund** if your flight is "significantly delayed" and you choose not to travel.

- **Domestic Flights:** A delay of **3 hours (180 minutes)** or more.
- **International Flights:** A delay of **6 hours (360 minutes)** or more.
- **The Refund:** This must be returned to your **original form of payment** (not just travel credit) within 7 business days for credit cards.

If you decide to cancel because of a 3+ hour delay, do not just walk away. Call = **+1 ↗ (US)** or ✉️ [  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) or  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) ✉️ (US) to ensure the refund is flagged as "Involuntary" so no fees are deducted.

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# 2. Controllable vs. Uncontrollable Delays

Whether you get "amenities" (like food) depends on the *cause* of the delay.

Delay Type	Examples	Frontier's Obligation (2026)
Controllable	Mechanical, Crew Scheduling, Maintenance	Meal vouchers, Rebooking on Frontier
Uncontrollable	Weather, Air Traffic Control, Security	Rebooking on Frontier only

## Meal Vouchers

If a **controllable delay** lasts more than **3 hours**, Frontier is committed to providing a meal voucher. If they do not automatically email you one, you can request it by calling = **+1 ↗ (US)** or ✉️ [  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) or  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) ✉️ (US).

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# 3. Does Frontier Provide Hotels or Cash?

In 2026, Frontier remains one of the few domestic carriers that **does not commit** to providing complimentary overnight hotel accommodations, even for controllable delays.

- **Cash Compensation:** Unlike in Europe (EU261), there is no law in the U.S. that requires Frontier to pay you "inconvenience cash" (e.g., \$600 for a long delay).
- **The Loophole:** If you purchased **Disruption Assistance For Any Reason** at booking, you can rebook yourself on *any* airline (even United or Delta) if Frontier is delayed by 2+ hours.
- **Travel Credits:** Sometimes agents at = **+1 ↗ (US)** or ✉️ [  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) or  {1 877\_622\_0707} (USA) ✉️ (US) may offer a \$50 or \$100 "Frontier Voucher" as a gesture of goodwill for long delays. Always ask!

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## 4. How to Claim Your Compensation/Refund

If your flight was delayed and you are owed a refund or voucher, follow these steps:

1. **Don't Take the Rebook:** If you want a cash refund, you must decline any rebooking offers.
2. **Screenshot the Delay:** Keep a photo of the departure board or the text alert showing the 3+ hour delay.
3. **Submit a Claim:** Use the Frontier "Feedback" form or call [+1 877\\_622\\_0707](tel:+18776220707) (USA) or [1877\\_622\\_0707](mailto:18776220707) (USA) to start a formal refund request.
4. **DOT Complaint:** If Frontier refuses a refund for a 3+ hour delay, file a complaint at [transportation.gov](http://transportation.gov).

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### ☒ Summary Checklist

- **3+ Hours (Domestic):** You are eligible for a full refund if you don't fly.
- **6+ Hours (International):** You are eligible for a full refund if you don't fly.
- **Controllable Delay:** Ask for a meal voucher after 3 hours.
- **Self-Service:** Check your email for a "Disruption Selection" link.

Would you like me to check the specific cause of your current flight's delay to see if it qualifies as "Controllable," or should I guide you through the process of using a meal voucher at your specific airport? Call [+1 877\\_622\\_0707](tel:+18776220707) (USA) or [1877\\_622\\_0707](mailto:18776220707) (USA) for immediate assistance.