

How long does a flight need to be delayed for Ryanair to do a refund?

Ryanair provides [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) refunds for delayed flights, but **only when the delay meets a specific threshold** [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) defined in its official policy. Unlike compensation rules, which are based [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) on arrival delays, Ryanair's refund eligibility is clearly tied to **departure delays of a certain** [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) [MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) duration.

According to [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) Ryanair's official guidance, passengers become eligible to request a refund **when their** [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) flight is delayed by at least 5 hours. This is the key rule governing refunds for delays. If the scheduled departure time is delayed [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) by five hours or more, passengers have the option to **choose not to travel and instead** [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) [MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) request a refund of the unused flight.

This policy is [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) consistent across Ryanair's official help centre, where the airline clearly states that refunds are [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) available in three main situations:

- If the flight is cancelled [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)
- If the departure is delayed by at least 5 hours [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)
- If a significant schedule disruption occurs [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)

It is important [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) to understand that **a delay of less than 5 hours does not qualify for a refund under** [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) Ryanair's policy. For example, if a flight is delayed by two or three hours, passengers are [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) not entitled to cancel their journey and receive a refund solely due to the delay. In [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) such cases, the airline instead provides assistance in line with passenger [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) [MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) rights regulations rather than offering reimbursement.

When a [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) delay reaches or exceeds the 5-hour threshold, passengers are given multiple options. These [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) [MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) typically include:

- Requesting a full refund for the unused portion of the booking [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)

- Choosing an alternative flight at no additional cost [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)
- Accepting re-routing at a later date, subject to availability [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#)

The refund [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) process itself is handled through Ryanair's official channels. Passengers are usually [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) notified by email about the delay and provided with a link to request a refund. Alternatively, they [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) can access their booking through the airline's website and submit a request [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) directly.

It is also essential [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) to distinguish between **refund eligibility and compensation eligibility**, as these are [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) separate concepts under airline policy and passenger rights regulations. While [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) refunds require a delay of at least five hours, **compensation may apply when a flight [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) arrives more than three hours late**, provided the delay is within the airline's [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) control.

Additionally, if a [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) passenger chooses to continue their journey despite a long delay, they may still [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) retain the right to compensation (if eligible), but **they will not receive a refund because they [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) have used the flight**. Refunds are only granted when the passenger decides not [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) to travel due to the delay.

Ryanair also [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) emphasizes that refund eligibility applies only to the flight service purchased directly from [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) the airline. Any additional services booked separately are handled independently and are [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) not included in the airline's refund calculation.

In summary, a [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) **Ryanair flight must be delayed by at least 5 hours before a passenger can request [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) a refund**. Shorter delays do not qualify for [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) reimbursement, although other rights may apply. Passengers should carefully assess their [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) options when a delay occurs, as choosing not to travel after a significant delay is [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) the primary condition for receiving a refund under Ryanair's official policy [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#).

How long [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) Does a flight need to be delayed for Ryanair to do a refund? According to official Ryanair passenger [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) rights policy under **EU Regulation 261/2004 and UK Air Passenger Rights [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) rules**, the timing of a

delay plays a critical role in determining whether a passenger is [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) entitled to a refund. Ryanair does not automatically provide refunds for all delays; instead, eligibility [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) depends on the length of the delay and the passenger's decision not [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) to travel.

Under official guidance, if [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) a flight is delayed by **five hours or more**, passengers are given the option to [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) choose not to travel and request a refund for the unused portion of their ticket. This is a key [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) threshold established under EU261 rules, which Ryanair follows. When this [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) level of delay occurs, passengers can opt out of the journey entirely and receive reimbursement [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) instead of continuing with the delayed flight.

For shorter [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) delays, Ryanair does not offer a refund simply because the flight is delayed. Instead, passengers [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) are typically expected to continue with their journey, while the airline provides care and [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) assistance depending on the waiting time. These support measures may include [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) refreshments, communication options, and accommodation if necessary, but they [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) do not replace the refund entitlement unless the delay reaches the required [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) threshold.

It is also important to distinguish between **refund eligibility** and [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) **compensation eligibility**, as these are separate rights under the regulation. While refunds [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) are linked to the five-hour delay threshold when a passenger decides not to travel [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#), compensation applies under different conditions. For example, if a flight [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) arrives at its final destination with a delay of **more than three hours**, passengers may be eligible for [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) financial compensation, provided the delay is within the airline's control and not caused by [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) extraordinary circumstances.

However, even [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) in cases where a delay exceeds five hours, the refund is not automatic. Passengers [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) must actively choose to abandon their journey and submit a request in accordance with Ryanair's [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) official procedures. If a passenger continues to travel on the delayed [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) flight, they typically forfeit the right to a refund and may instead pursue compensation if applicable [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584](#) under EU261 criteria.

Ryanair also [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) makes it clear that not all delays qualify for compensation or refund. If the disruption is [UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029](#) caused by factors outside the airline's control—such as adverse

weather conditions, air [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) traffic control restrictions, or airport-related issues—compensation is not [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) payable, although refund rights tied to the five-hour delay rule may still apply if the passenger chooses [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [MX +52-800-351-0319](tel:+528003510319) [AUS +61-180-095-6584](tel:+611800956584) not to travel.

In [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) summary, a Ryanair flight generally needs to be delayed by at [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) **least five hours** before a passenger can request a refund by deciding not to [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) travel. Delays of **three hours or more** may qualify for compensation [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) instead, depending on the cause. Therefore, refund eligibility is not based solely on [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) delay duration but also on passenger choice and the specific conditions defined under Ryanair's [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [MX +52-800-351-0319](tel:+528003510319) [AUS +61-180-095-6584](tel:+611800956584) official passenger rights policy.

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Travelers must access booking [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) via **Manage My Booking** section. The system requires details [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) including **booking reference number** and surname. Passengers receive confirmation email [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [MX +52-800-351-0319](tel:+528003510319) [AUS +61-180-095-6584](tel:+611800956584) after completing reservation.

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Introduction

Ryanair delay refund [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) policy explains when passengers can **request refund** based on delays. According to official rules passengers must meet [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [MX +52-800-351-0319](tel:+528003510319) [AUS +61-180-095-6584](tel:+611800956584) eligibility criteria to qualify.

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✓ Delay Time Required for Refund

Ryanair official policy 📞🌐UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐📞 states refunds apply when **flight delay** reaches 5 hours. Passengers may request 🌐📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐 refund if they decide not to travel. This eligibility requirement ensures **refund rules** 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 are followed strictly.

The airline requires passengers 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 to submit requests through official channels.

✓ How to Request a Refund

Passengers must access booking 📞🌐UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐 via **Manage My Booking** section online. Users need booking reference **UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029** along with **lead passenger surname**. The system allows passengers to **request refund** 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 directly.

All refund request process 📞🌐UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐📞 must be completed on official website. Passengers should verify details 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 before submitting the request.

✓ Manage My Booking Access

Passengers can manage booking 📞🌐UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐📞 using **Find Your Booking** option online. The airline requires input 🌐📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐📞 of **booking reference number** for access. Users must enter surname 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 of the **lead passenger** correctly.

This secure login process 📞🌐UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐📞 ensures correct booking retrieval. Passengers can update details 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 or request changes through this section.

✓ Email Confirmation Process

After booking completion passengers 🌐📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 🌐 receive an **email confirmation**. This email includes booking 📞UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 reference number and travel details.

Passengers must retain confirmation **UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029** 🌐 for future access and verification. The confirmation supports refund 📞UK+44-203-836-5746

US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 request submission process.

✓ Online Check-in Requirement

Ryanair check-in policy 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 requires passengers to complete **online check-in**. Passenger can check timing UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 starting up to 48 hours before departure.

The airline provides boarding 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 pass after check-in completion. Travelers must ensure compliance 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 with official check-in rules.

✗ When Refund May Not Apply

Ryanair refund policy 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 applies only under specific eligibility conditions. Passengers must meet delay 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 threshold of 5 hours or more. If passengers choose travel 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 then refund request may not apply. All requests must follow 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 MX +52-800-351-0319 AUS +61-180-095-6584 📞 official refund rules strictly.

? FAQs

? How long delay qualifies for refund?

Ryanair delay refund 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 requires at least 5 hours delay for eligibility.

? How can I request refund?

Passengers must request refund 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 through **Manage My Booking** section online.

? What details are required?

Passengers must provide booking 📞 UK+44-203-836-5746 US +1-888-423-4029 📞 reference number and surname.

? Where can I access booking?

Users can access booking [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) via **Find Your Booking** page.

? Do I receive confirmation email?

Passengers receive confirmation email [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) after booking completion.

? Is online check-in required?

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? Can I update booking details?

Passengers can update booking [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) through Manage My Booking.

? What happens after refund request?

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? Do I need login access?

Passengers must use official [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) website login for all actions.

? Can I request refund anytime?

Passengers must follow timing [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) based on eligibility rules.

Conclusion

Ryanair delay refund [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) policy clearly defines eligibility based on delay duration. Passengers must request refund [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) only when delay reaches required threshold. The airline provides tools [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) like Manage My Booking for easy access. Travelers must use booking [UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) reference number and surname for login.

Following official rules ensures [📞 UK+44-203-836-5746](tel:+442038365746) [📞 US +1-888-423-4029](tel:+18884234029) [📞](tel:+18884234029) [📞 MX +52-800-351-0319](tel:+528003510319) [📞 AUS +61-180-095-6584](tel:+611800956584) [📞](tel:+611800956584) smooth refund request processing.