

Is abdn.ac.uk legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

abdn.ac.uk

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

abdn.ac.uk appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official university homepage providing information on study options, research, news, events, contacts, and admissions (including clearing). Includes social links and clear institutional contact/address details.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/>



What abdn.ac.uk served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the public-facing homepage of the University of Aberdeen, presenting undergraduate and postgraduate study options, research activity, news, events, admissions, campus information, contacts, and opportunities for alumni engagement and donations. Its apparent business model is institutional education funded through tuition, grants, philanthropy, events, and related services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent university identity, detailed academic and institutional content, clear contact and address information, and links to established social channels. The site does not display phishing indicators, hidden forms, wallet activity, deceptive monetisation features, or suspected brand impersonation. External reputation checks found no malicious or suspicious detections, and the site has a strong global traffic footprint. Taken together, the evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, although the real-world operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the University of Aberdeen and provides study, research, admissions, news, events, and contact content.
- The domain is registered from 1996 and is approximately 28.54 years old; historical records contain 5,000 snapshots spanning 1998–2025, covering 28 years.
- The site has a Tranco rank of 15714 and is within the global top 1 million.
- No malicious or suspicious detections were recorded; the homepage analysis reported zero red flags and no suspected brand impersonation.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The About, Contact, admissions, and institutional-information content supports an apparent academic purpose rather than a financial-services business. The supplied pages do not establish a third-party financial-services licensing claim or provide a licensing number; for this stated education model, that is a transparency and verification point rather than evidence of deception. The site's institutional identity is presented clearly, but it has not been independently connected to the real-world operator with conclusive verification. No broker match or other adverse third-party reputational signal was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The About and Contact content includes institutional navigation, staff-directory access, contact information, governance material, and clear university address details.
- The homepage describes undergraduate, postgraduate, research, online-learning, admissions, and alumni activities rather than regulated investment services.
- The site is hosted on AS786, JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB.
- Its TLS certificate is issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36, uses OV validation, identifies The University of Aberdeen as the subject organisation, and is valid to 2026-10-08.

What to Verify Next

Before submitting credentials or making a payment, an organisation should independently confirm that the relevant admissions, donation, or service transaction is being conducted through the institution's authorised channel. The applicable fee, cancellation, refund, and payment-protection terms should also be checked through independently sourced institutional contact details, with any material transaction retained under the payment provider's available dispute protections.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides dedicated Contact Information, admissions, finance-and-funding, and donation-related navigation for matching against independently sourced institutional details.
- The observed homepage contained no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, or untrusted form destination.
- The stated business model includes tuition fees, grants, donations, events, and service provision, making transaction-specific terms relevant to the particular interaction.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. The site's apparent legitimacy is well supported by converging content, reputation, continuity, and technical signals, but the operator's real-world identity should not be treated as independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to a single direct hosting address, with no CDN or WAF detected and no separate edge-IP layer observed. This is a straightforward hosting posture rather than an indicator of deception; the resolved infrastructure is associated with JANET - Jisc Services Limited.

Closing Assessment

Routine informational use is proportionate to the available evidence; before credential or payment interactions, ordinary independent checks of the authorised counterparty, applicable terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of abdn.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on abdn.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-01-31. CLEAR
- It is hosted on JANET, from a server in GB. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB
Country	GB
Server IP	139.133.1.4

Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36
SSL expiry	2026-10-08
Domain age	28.54 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1998-01-31
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about abdn.ac.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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