

Is abu.edu.ng legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

abu.edu.ng

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

abu.edu.ng appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official Ahmadu Bello University homepage: provides navigation to admissions, programmes (undergraduate, postgraduate, distance learning), research directorates, campus news, downloadables (handbooks, forms), contact/address and institutional information.

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	21 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2005 1305 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2005.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

What this website presents is the official institutional portal for Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, offering information on undergraduate, postgraduate and distance-learning programmes, admissions, research, faculties, campus life, student services, institutional policies, news and downloadable academic forms and handbooks.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage consistently presents a university identity, institutional navigation, academic content, governing and administrative information, contact details, and campus-related resources; its stated purpose is informational and educational rather than commercial, investment-related, or transactional. Dynamic testing identified hidden forms, but no password forms, sensitive external submissions, wallet activity, malicious scripts, cloaking, or brand-impersonation indicators were identified, so this behavior does not establish a phishing or impersonation concern.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “Home Page - Ahmadu Bello University” and links to programmes, faculties, directorates, governing bodies, policies, research, student services and institutional information.
- The homepage provides university-specific materials, including the 2025–2026 student handbook, registrar forms, research resources and convocation content.
- The domain was registered in 2005 and is approximately 20.65 years old; archival coverage comprises 1,305 snapshots spanning 2005–2026 across 22 tracked years.
- Behavioral testing recorded 2 hidden forms across 2 successful runs, with 0 external password forms, 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 suspicious inline scripts and no cloaking.

Regulatory Verification Notes

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic website, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified. The site's content identifies Ahmadu Bello University and exposes institutional structures such as the Governing Council, Central Administration, Principal Officers, programmes, research directorates and contact information. No financial or other external regulatory licence is presented in the supplied site content; for this public-university information model, that is a disclosure point to clarify only if a particular programme, payment process or regulated service is involved. External reputation checks were clean, and no broker or other third-party reputational match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and provides navigation to the Governing Council, Central Administration, Principal Officers, History, programmes, research and policies.
- The site's hosting telemetry identifies AS37686, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Nigeria, in Nigeria.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by YR1 at DV validation level and is valid through 2026-11-01.
- The domain is ranked 79,594 globally and is within the top 1,000,000 websites.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions connected with admissions, distance learning or other fee-bearing activity, independently confirm the relevant university office, programme details, fee instructions and applicable payment-protection arrangements using contact information obtained through an offline or independently sourced university channel. Any programme-specific accreditation, authorization or registration should be confirmed with the relevant Nigerian authority or the university's responsible administrative office rather than inferred from the website alone.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides admissions, undergraduate, postgraduate and distance-learning pathways that can be matched against independently sourced university information.
- The site includes contact and institutional-information navigation, supporting an out-of-band confirmation route.
- The homepage contains downloadable handbooks and forms; document titles, session dates and issuing offices should be matched to the relevant university department before action is taken.

Summary Verdict

The site has a **high-trust, low-risk posture** and appears consistent with an established university information service. Its long-running public presence, coherent institutional content, clean external reputation and stable technical operation support apparent legitimacy, while independent operator identity remains unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection, which mitigates direct exposure of the service and supports resilience against routine network abuse. Infrastructure observation also identified CDN edge servers and a potential origin candidate; this is a normal architectural consideration and is not, by itself, evidence of malicious activity.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is proportionate to the available evidence; any credential or payment action should follow the independent institutional and transaction checks outlined above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 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	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

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 abu.edu.ng.

- The request stayed on abu.edu.ng. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2005-12-15. CLEAR
- It is hosted on Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Nigeria, from a server in NG. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Nigeria - Ahmadu Bello University Zaria Nigeria, NG
Country	NG
Server IP	196.220.66.178
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-11-01
Domain age	20.65 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	2005-12-15
Archive snapshots	1305
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 abu.edu.ng 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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