

Is acoin.co.za safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 55/100

acoin.co.za

Verdict

55

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

acoin.co.za is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-Only

Assessed 2026-07-31 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

aCoin presents a South African stored-value voucher network for purchasing, sharing, and redeeming vouchers with online merchants. The page promotes customer wallets, merchant settlement, vendor distribution, and API integration, and claims third-party payment-provider licensing, but the supplied content lacks independently verifiable corporate and regulatory details.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- 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	7.7 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2021 34 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2021.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents a South African stored-value voucher service through which customers can purchase, hold, share, and redeem vouchers, while merchants and vendors participate in distribution, settlement, and payment-network activity.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, brand impersonation, phishing indicators, or adverse threat-reputation findings were observed. The domain has a multi-year operating history, consistent archival continuity, and no detected repurposing, while controlled browser testing found no cloaking, hidden forms, suspicious scripts, external data submissions, or wallet-related behavior. These converging signals reduce the likelihood that the site is an active impersonation or credential-theft operation, although they do not independently establish the financial service's legal standing.

- The domain-registration record shows registration through 1API GmbH in 2018, with the registrant organization recorded as "Registrant of acoin.co.za"; Registered 2018 (~7.69 years old).
- The domain's archival record contains 34 snapshots spanning 2021–2026 (6 years tracked), with no suspicious repurposing or semantic drift identified.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious classifications, no web-safety alert, no reported abuse, and no signature matches for the domain or observed infrastructure.
- Two successful browser-behavior runs against the homepage detected no cloaking, hidden forms, suspicious inline scripts, external posts, wallet-provider activity, clipboard interference, or credential forms.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The homepage describes a financially consequential service that keeps vouchers in registered customer wallets, offers values from R5 to R5,000, enables transfers by cellphone number, and supports purchases through bank accounts, EFT, ATMs, and vendors. It also promotes merchant settlement and API integration. Although the supplied page analysis identifies a general third-party payment-provider licensing claim, the available content does not provide a named regulator, licence number, independently checkable legal entity, physical address, or detailed custody safeguards. These are disclosure and regulatory-verification gaps, not evidence of fraud. No matching broker-reputation record was identified, but that result is contextual only and does not determine licensing status.

- The homepage states that registered customers' vouchers are held in a personal wallet and can be redeemed or transferred, establishing custodial control over stored value.

- The homepage presents customer, merchant, and vendor functions but does not supply an independently verifiable corporate identity, regulatory authority, licence number, physical address, or custody framework.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV TLS certificate issued by YE1, valid to 2026-10-18.
- The hosting artifact is served from AS14061 (DigitalOcean, LLC, US).

What to Verify Next

Before material funds are committed, the operating entity and any asserted payment-provider authorization should be matched to the relevant official registry using documentary identifiers supplied directly by the operator. The contractual treatment of stored value, insolvency protection, expiry, refunds, dispute handling, settlement timing, and API security responsibilities should be reviewed. Merchant participation and official contact channels should also be confirmed through independent, offline sources before reliance on promotional network claims.

- The homepage promises “No Hidden Costs” and retention of the voucher’s full value, making the governing fee, expiry, and refund terms material verification points.
- The homepage advertises instant redemption without waiting for funds to clear, supporting review of settlement finality and failed-redemption procedures.
- The homepage describes the service as South Africa’s “Fastest Growing Network” without supplying substantiation in the available content.
- The merchant-facing homepage content promotes rapid payment integration through an API, supporting verification of authentication, transaction authorization, and incident-response controls.

Summary Verdict

The website has a moderate trust posture: its established provenance, clean technical behavior, and absence of threat or impersonation indicators support cautious legitimacy. Confidence remains limited by the incomplete substantiation of the operating and compliance framework for a service that handles stored value.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection, with one observed edge address and one potential origin candidate. This mainstream protective layer mitigates direct exposure and common web attacks, but it is an infrastructure safeguard rather than proof of business legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Routine browsing and account login are reasonable; high-value or sensitive transactions should proceed only after independent institutional and contractual verification.

Written analysis generated 2026-07-31 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	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

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 acoin.co.za.

- The request stayed on acoin.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under 1API GmbH. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-11-22. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2021-12-03. CLEAR
- It is hosted on DIGITALOCEAN-ASN, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	1API GmbH
Hosting	DIGITALOCEAN-ASN - DigitalOcean, LLC, US
Country	US
Server IP	67.207.76.227
Name servers	kara.ns.cloudflare.com, carl.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	YE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-18
Domain age	7.7 years
Domain expiry	2026-11-22
Archive first seen	2021-12-03
Archive snapshots	34
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 acoin.co.za 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.

