

# Is certifiedtraining.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

certifiedtraining.co.za

## Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

certifiedtraining.co.za appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

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

What this site appears to be

Certified Superyacht Academy promotes paid maritime training and certification courses for deckhands, stewardesses, chefs, engineers, and officers in Cape Town. The page supplies contact details, testimonials, policies, career articles, enquiry forms, and a stated operating history since 2008. Numerous contextually irrelevant casino promotions embedded in the main content are a significant quality and potential-compromise signal, although the page does not request credentials, financial deposits, private keys, or other highly sensitive information.

## 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.

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| Malware engines           | <div>None flagged it</div> <div>VirusTotal</div>                              | <div>CLEAR</div> |
| Google Safe Browsing      | <div>Not listed</div> <div>Google</div>                                       | <div>CLEAR</div> |
| Abuse reports on the host | <div>0 reports</div> <div>AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count</div> | <div>NOTED</div> |
| Domain age                | <div>18 years old</div> <div>Registered history</div>                         | <div>CLEAR</div> |
| Web archive               | <div>Archived since 2008</div> <div>156 snapshots</div>                       | <div>CLEAR</div> |

## 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 2008.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

## Full analysis

### Overview

The website is an established Cape Town maritime vocational academy offering paid superyacht crew training, certification courses, career guidance, and enquiry services for deckhands, stewardesses, chefs, engineers, and officers.

### Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, impersonation, phishing, or confirmed malicious reputation signals were observed. The homepage presents a coherent education business, supported by a long operating history and stable external reputation. Its contextually unrelated multilingual casino promotions are nevertheless a significant content-integrity issue consistent with SEO spam or a possible website compromise; this detracts from editorial quality but, without malicious behavior or deceptive transaction mechanics, does not displace the broader legitimacy finding.

- The homepage identifies Certified Superyacht Academy and describes maritime courses, career resources, testimonials, policies, and student-enquiry services.
- Registered 13 November 2008 (~17.72 years old) through Absolute Hosting, with Tristar Technologies recorded as the organization.
- 156 archive snapshots span 19 December 2008–22 January 2026 (19 years tracked), with no suspicious repurposing or semantic drift established.
- External threat checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, no phishing finding, no external blacklist finding, and 0 abuse reports for the observed address.

### Regulatory Verification Notes

The site advertises RYA- and MCA-associated course titles, including Yachtmaster packages, Powerboat Level 2, the MCA Approved Engine Course, security duties training, and Officer of the Watch instruction. These references concern course content or certification pathways; the available pages do not establish a specific institutional approval number or other formal authorization held by the academy. This is a limited disclosure-verification point, not evidence of fraud or an identity conflict.

- The homepage expressly labels multiple offerings as RYA/MCA courses and names individual maritime training programs.

- The business presentation includes an About section, team information, policies, testimonials, press material, FAQs, and published contact details.
- No license authority, license number, or independently verified authorization is established by the reviewed page content.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV TLS certificate issued by YR1, valid until 23 October 2026.

**What to Verify Next**

Before booking a certification-dependent program, the prospective student should confirm the specific course approval and instructor status directly with the relevant awarding body, obtain the applicable syllabus and certificate outcome in writing, and review cancellation, refund, scheduling, and payment terms. Official contact channels should also be confirmed independently before transferring a substantial course fee.

- The homepage markets distinct training packages whose professional value may depend on the precise awarding body, course level, and resulting credential.
- Four ordinary forms support newsletter registration, quotations, course enquiries, and contact messages; none was identified as a sensitive or externally directed form.
- The site provides policy and FAQ sections that can be compared with written booking documents before payment.

**Summary Verdict**

The website is legitimate, established, and trustworthy, with mutually reinforcing identity, provenance, reputation, and behavioral evidence and no contradictory risk indicators. Normal interaction, including account login where offered and standard use of the site's services, is appropriate.

**Infrastructure Integrity**

The site is served from Hetzner Online GmbH infrastructure in Germany and uses a CDN/WAF configuration in which the observed address functions as an edge endpoint. This reduces direct exposure of the origin and is a useful security control, although infrastructure protection alone is not proof of business legitimacy.

- The hosting infrastructure resolves to 188.40.0.72 on AS24940 (HETZNER-AS — Hetzner Online GmbH, DE).
- One CDN edge address was observed, with no origin candidate exposed during the assessment.

**Closing Assessment**

Prospective students may use the site normally, while applying ordinary due diligence to course-specific credentials and material payments.

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**

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| Status         | UNVERIFIED |
| Identity score | 30/100     |

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| Identity verification confidence | 50% |
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- 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 certifiedtraining.co.za.

- The request stayed on certifiedtraining.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Absolute Hosting. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by host-h.net, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-11-13. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2008-12-19. CLEAR
- It is hosted on HETZNER-AS, from a server in DE. NOTED

### Domain intelligence

|                    |                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registrar          | Absolute Hosting                                                               |
| Hosting            | HETZNER-AS - Hetzner Online GmbH, DE                                           |
| Country            | DE                                                                             |
| Server IP          | 188.40.0.72                                                                    |
| Name servers       | ns2.host-h.net, ns1.dns-h.com, ns1.host-h.net, ns2.dns-h.com                   |
| SSL issuer         | YR1                                                                            |
| SSL expiry         | 2026-10-23                                                                     |
| Domain age         | 17.7 years                                                                     |
| Domain expiry      | 2026-11-13                                                                     |
| Archive first seen | 2008-12-19                                                                     |
| Archive snapshots  | 156                                                                            |
| 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 certifiedtraining.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.

