

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

dur.ac.uk

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

dur.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 Durham University website pages covering study options, research, news, events, and contact information. Appears to be an institutional, informational site with typical university content.

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 1997 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://dur.ac.uk/>



What dur.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 1997.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the public-facing Durham University site, presenting information about undergraduate and postgraduate study, research, university news, events, student support, admissions, and contact services. Its apparent purpose is to provide institutional information and support education-related engagement rather than to operate a high-risk commercial or financial service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site's content, navigation, and functionality are consistent with an established university website: it provides study, research, admissions, events, student-support, and contact information, with no detected phishing, credential-harvesting, wallet, or impersonation indicators. Independent reputation checks were clean, and the site has a strong global traffic footprint. The available evidence is therefore consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents Durham University branding and structured university sections for study, research, student support, events, admissions, and contact services.
- The site's single observed form was a search/contact interface with no sensitive credential fields or untrusted submission destination.
- The domain was registered in 1997 and has an authoritative age of 29.190965092402465 years.
- Web-archive records contain 5000 snapshots spanning 1997-06-07T22:06:51Z to 2024-01-05T02:29:59Z, covering 28 years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website's apparent institutional purpose does not present it as a third-party regulated financial service. The available content identifies Durham University in an institutional context, but no licensing or registration number for a regulated service is disclosed in the reviewed material; this is a transparency item for confirmation rather than evidence of deception. No matching third-party broker-reputation record was identified, and the clean reputation signals support the site's established presentation without independently proving the operator's legal identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage title and institutional navigation identify the organisation as Durham University and provide education-focused services.
- The hosting infrastructure is attributed to AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc., US.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2026-12-30T23:59:59+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organisation should independently confirm the institution's legal identity through an authoritative university or public-sector source, use contact details obtained through an independent route, and review the applicable admissions, payment, refund, and data-protection terms. Any payment should be made only through an institutionally confirmed channel with appropriate payment protection.

EVIDENCE

- The site provides admissions, course, student-support, and contact pathways that can be cross-checked against independently sourced institutional records.
- The site links to established social platforms, providing additional channels for confirming official communications.
- The reviewed page contains no sensitive form, wallet connection, or external password-submission mechanism.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with strong convergence between the site's institutional content, long-running presence, clean reputation, and sound technical operation. Legitimacy is apparent and evidence-

consistent, but the operator’s real-world identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by a CDN/WAF architecture, with observed edge addresses 75.2.69.134 and 99.83.253.255 served through AS16509; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This reduces direct exposure of the underlying service and is a mitigating security characteristic, not proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing and ordinary institutional use are proportionate to the assessed posture; independent identity, payment-protection, and service-term checks should be completed before submitting credentials or making payments.

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=5	

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 dur.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on dur.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1997-06-07. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	75.2.69.134
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M01
SSL expiry	2026-12-30

Domain age	29.19 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1997-06-07
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 dur.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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