

Is ekurhuleni.gov.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

ekurhuleni.gov.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ekurhuleni.gov.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 2026-08-04 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

WHAT THIS SITE APPEARS TO BE

Homepage for the City of Ekurhuleni providing municipal news, governance records, budgets, public notices, service information, forms, tenders, supplier resources, rates and taxes, payment links, and official contact numbers.

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	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the City of Ekurhuleni's municipal information and public-service portal, presenting governance records, budgets, public notices, service information, tenders, supplier resources, rates and taxes, payment facilities, forms, and official contact channels for residents, businesses, and other municipal stakeholders.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, brand impersonation, or other contradictory signals were observed. The municipal identity is consistent with the site's government-domain context and extensive public-administration content. Interactive testing also found no hidden or sensitive forms, external password submission, cloaking, clipboard interference, cryptocurrency-wallet behavior, or suspicious scripts. External reputation checks reported no malicious or suspicious classifications, supporting the conclusion that this is the legitimate and established City of Ekurhuleni portal.

- The homepage identifies the service as "City of Ekurhuleni" and presents coherent municipal functions spanning council governance, public services, budgets, by-laws, procurement, rates, taxes, and emergency information.
- The homepage operates under the restricted South African government suffix `gov.za`, consistent with its stated municipal identity.
- Behavioral examination completed 2 of 2 runs successfully and detected no hidden forms, external password forms, cloaking, wallet activity, clipboard hijacking, or suspicious inline scripts.
- External reputation evidence recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious classifications, no safe-browsing alert, no reported abuse, and placement within the global top one million websites.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents the documentation expected of a municipal authority rather than a commercial financial or investment service. Its homepage provides access to political-leadership information, council records, by-laws, policies, annual and periodic reports, budget materials, public-participation resources, long-term borrowing information, a registration certificate, and performance contracts. No commercial financial-services licence is claimed, and none is indicated as necessary for the stated municipal purpose. Transport encryption is valid and issued by a recognized certificate authority.

- The "My City" and "My Council" areas publish institutional materials including leadership profiles, council information, strategic direction, annual reports, and performance contracts.
- The budget and policy areas provide annual, mid-year, quarterly, monthly, and adjustment-budget materials alongside by-laws and budget-related policies.

- The site is served from AS37153 (Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, South Africa).
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2, valid to 2026-10-11.

What to Verify Next

Routine transaction controls remain appropriate when using payment, procurement, or supplier-facing functions. Payment destinations should be checked for continuity with the municipal portal before funds are transferred, while tender notices and banking instructions should be reconciled with the corresponding published procurement record or confirmed through an independently sourced municipal channel. These are standard anti-fraud precautions for public-sector transactions, not indicators of concern about the website itself.

- The homepage provides municipal payment functions relating to rates, taxes, tariffs, and traffic fines.
- The procurement area includes tenders and supplier-registration resources, creating workflows in which document and payment-instruction integrity is operationally important.
- The site publishes official customer-service and emergency contact information that can support independent confirmation of sensitive instructions.

Summary Verdict

This is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy municipal-government website with a coherent institutional identity, substantial governance content, clean external reputation, and stable observed behavior. No evidence of impersonation, phishing, credential harvesting, or deceptive commercial activity was identified. Normal interaction, including account login and standard municipal use, is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The portal is directly hosted in South Africa on a single resolved Xneelo address, with no CDN or WAF identified and one likely origin address visible. This is a conventional, coherent hosting arrangement; the valid encrypted transport mitigates interception risk, although infrastructure configuration alone is not evidence of institutional legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may engage with the portal normally, applying standard destination and instruction checks when making payments or acting on procurement-related communications.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-04 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 ekurhuleni.gov.za.

- The request stayed on ekurhuleni.gov.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, from a server in ZA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	Xneelo (Pty) Ltd - Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	156.38.154.21
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Go Daddy Secure Certificate Authority - G2
SSL expiry	2026-10-11
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
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 ekurhuleni.gov.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.

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