

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

fanews.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

fanews.co.za 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 2026-08-01 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

FAnews is a South African financial-services news and professional information platform covering insurance, investments, regulation, banking, compliance, and related industry topics. The homepage promotes editorial content, a magazine, CPD resources, surveys, advertising, and industry links.

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	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2004 385 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	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 2004.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

FAnews is a South African financial-services news and professional information platform covering insurance, investments, banking, regulation, compliance, and related industry topics. It presents editorial reporting, magazine content, continuing-professional-development resources, surveys, advertising, and industry information for financial-sector professionals.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site presents a coherent informational publishing model rather than deceptive financial solicitation, with no detected phishing, impersonation, malicious reputation, or blacklist indicators. Its long-running historical presence and consistent publishing identity further support established provenance.

- The homepage identifies FAnews as a financial-services news platform and provides structured coverage across insurance, banking, investments, compliance, and professional development.
- The domain was registered in 2003 and is approximately 23.29 years old.
- The web archive records 385 snapshots from 2004 through 2026, spanning 23 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no blacklist hit.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed content supports a journalism, publishing, advertising, subscription, and professional-information business model rather than a deposit-taking or investment-return service. No licensing claim or license number is presented in the supplied site evidence; this is a limited disclosure point for any interpretation of the site as a regulated financial-services provider, not evidence of fraud. The named registrar and established registration record provide additional identity context.

- The homepage presents magazine subscriptions, advertising, CPD resources, surveys, and editorial content rather than investment products or deposit requests.
- Registration records identify Online Innovation as registrar and Insurance Publications as the organization.
- The site is served from AS13335, operated by Cloudflare, Inc.
- TLS is issued by WE1 at DV validation level and is valid through 2026-09-11.

What to Verify Next

For any regulated-service interpretation, confirm the relevant South African regulatory status through the applicable official registry and independently validate the organization's current subscription, advertising, and contact arrangements before entering into a commercial relationship.

- The homepage provides dedicated sections for Contact Us, Magazine Subscription, Advertising, and CPD.
- The site's stated business model is publishing and professional information, so any separate financial service should be verified against its own contractual and regulatory documentation.
- The site has no sensitive form or login form identified on the homepage.

Summary Verdict

FAnews presents as a legitimate, established, and trustworthy financial-information website with a low-risk content profile and no observed indicators of impersonation, phishing, or malicious activity. Normal interaction, including account login and standard use, is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection and resolution through AS13335 provide a mainstream protective hosting layer and mitigate direct exposure of the service infrastructure. This is a supporting control rather than independent proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Standard browsing, account use, subscriptions, and other ordinary interactions are proportionate to the site's established informational purpose.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-01 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 fanews.co.za.

- The request stayed on fanews.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Online Innovation. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-22. NOTED

- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2004-08-29. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	OnLine Innovation
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3033::6815:2979
Name servers	sam.ns.cloudflare.com, sue.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-11
Domain age	23.3 years
Domain expiry	2027-04-22
Archive first seen	2004-08-29
Archive snapshots	385
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 fanews.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.

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