

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

gov.za

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

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 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official front page of the South African government portal offering links to services, news, documents, events and contact directories. Content indicates authoritative public information and service access.

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% confidence AbuseIPDB, 1 report; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	32 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1994 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	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 1994.
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

This website presents itself as the South African Government's public-service portal, offering visitors access to government services, official news, documents, events, contact directories, and public information rather than commercial products or investment opportunities.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, malicious-content, blacklist, or identity-contradiction indicators were observed. The homepage's government-service content, the sovereign `gov.za` context, and the site's long, continuous historical presence are mutually consistent with an established public institution. A content-similarity signal associated the page with `gov.uk`, but this is a soft similarity observation rather than evidence of impersonation and is not supported by any confirmed brand-conflict finding. An abuse report concerns the shared hosting address rather than the website's content; its attribution is discounted because it applies to shared provider infrastructure and carries no confidence indication.

EVIDENCE

- Homepage review found no red flags, login form, hidden form, sensitive form, external password submission, or wallet-related behavior.
- The domain was established in 1994 (~31.78 years old); archived coverage contains 5,000 snapshots spanning 1994–2021 across 28 tracked years.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no Google Safe Browsing malicious finding; the site ranked 21908 and was within the top 1,000,000 websites.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The homepage, About area, and Contact Directory present a coherent public-service identity, but the available evidence does not independently verify the real-world operating entity beyond the site's own institutional presentation. A conventional commercial or financial licence is not indicated by the stated government-information business model; however, licensing or registration references were not available in the supplied page evidence, so this remains a transparency item for formal due diligence rather than an indication of fraud. The available third-party broker context returned no match.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “Frontpage | South African Government” and links to About, Contact Directory, services, documents, news, and national-government information.
- Hosted on AS3741, Dimension Data - Dimension Data, ZA.
- TLS certificate issued by YR1, using DV validation, valid to 2026-11-09.

What to Verify Next

For sensitive service interactions, independently confirm that the relevant destination and contact details are referenced through an official South African government directory or an offline institutional channel. Where a linked service requests credentials or payment, confirm the service’s identity, applicable terms, and payment-protection arrangements before proceeding.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides service categories for residents, businesses, foreign nationals, and online services, creating a basis for service-specific validation.
- The site exposes internal About and Contact Directory paths that can be compared with independently obtained institutional contact information.
- The reviewed homepage contains no sensitive submission form, so any later credential or payment request should be assessed at the linked service rather than assumed from the portal’s appearance.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with the available evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate public-service website. The assessment supports normal informational use, while the real-world operator identity remains likely rather than independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to South African infrastructure operated by Dimension Data, with no detected CDN or WAF layer and a single likely origin address. This provides less intermediary shielding than a CDN-backed deployment, but the hosting arrangement is not, by itself, evidence of malicious activity or illegitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Routine informational use is appropriate; before any linked service involves credentials or payment, ordinary independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks should be completed.

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.

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 1 report on hosting IP 197.103.130.130 (Dimension Data, Fixed Line ISP), 0% confidence. The reports are attributed to shared infrastructure, not specifically to this website.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	73/100
Identity verification confidence	74%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=1

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 gov.za.

- The request stayed on gov.za. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1994-11-05. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on Dimension Data, from a server in ZA. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	Dimension Data - Dimension Data, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	197.103.130.130
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-11-09
Domain age	31.78 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1994-11-05
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0% confidence, 1 report Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about 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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