

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

karu.ac.ke

Verdict



karu.ac.ke appears legitimate.

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

Not ScamLow Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official university website with navigation for academics, admissions, student services, news, events and alumni; includes contact details and downloadable resources. No apparent credential-harvesting forms or financial investment solicitations detected.

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	11 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2015 719 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36	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 2015.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Karatina University's website is an academic and institutional information portal presenting university leadership, academic programmes, admissions and fee information, student services, research resources, news, events, and alumni relations for visitors seeking education-related information and services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage and institutional navigation are consistent with a public university rather than a consumer-facing sales funnel, and the content presents academic, admissions, student, and alumni functions without apparent investment solicitation, credential-harvesting forms, or brand-impersonation indicators. External reputation checks were clean, with no confirmed phishing or malicious-content finding; the available evidence therefore supports a low scam and impersonation concern, while the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents university leadership, schools, departments, academic programmes, admissions, student portals, news, resources, and alumni services.
- The page analysis found no login form, hidden sensitive form, untrusted form destination, wallet activity, or credential-harvesting mechanism.
- The domain is registered from 2015 and is 11.29 years old; archival records contain 719 snapshots spanning 2015–2026, with 12 years tracked.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site identifies itself as Karatina University and provides institutional leadership, departments, directorates, academic schools, admissions information, and contact details. Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic website, but it does not independently establish the real-world operator identity. The reviewed content does not state a specific licensing or registration number; this is a transparency item for institutional verification, not evidence of a scam. A third-party broker dataset produced no match and should be treated only as contextual reputational information.

EVIDENCE

- The site's identity and about pages identify Karatina University and list the University Council, University Management Board, Vice Chancellor, deputy vice-chancellors, and institutional directorates.
- The domain registrar is Kenya Education Network, and the site is served on AS36914, Kenya Education Network, Kenya.
- Transport encryption uses an OV certificate issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36 for KENET, valid to 2026-10-09.

What to Verify Next

Before credential submission or payment activity, an institution or prospective student should independently confirm the university's legal and academic standing through the relevant Kenyan education or government registry. Admissions and fee-payment instructions should be confirmed through contact details obtained from an independent institutional source, and payment-protection, refund, and transaction-recipient details should be reviewed before funds are transferred. Any account credentials should be used only through the institution's independently confirmed official access route.

EVIDENCE

- The admissions and student-service areas provide programme, fee-structure, student-portal, e-learning, and student-email pathways that can be cross-checked independently.
- The contact and institutional-information areas provide the basis for confirming official communication channels through an external route.
- The site's stated purpose is informational and educational, with no consumer sales funnel or investment solicitation identified.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. The assessment supports normal informational use, while the operator's real-world identity should not be treated as independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to infrastructure operated by Kenya Education Network, with no CDN or WAF layer detected and one likely origin address identified. Direct institutional hosting is compatible with the site's apparent academic purpose, but hosting architecture alone is a mitigating context rather than proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting infrastructure is resolved through AS36914, Kenya Education Network, KE, with one unique resolved IP and zero detected edge IPs.
- The hosting registry is AFRINIC and the hosting country is Kenya.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary use is proportionate to the assessed posture; before sensitive credentials or payments are involved, independent confirmation of the institution, transaction recipient, and applicable payment protections should be

completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 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 karu.ac.ke.

- The request stayed on karu.ac.ke. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Kenya Education Network. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by or.ke, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-04-29. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2015-06-25. CLEAR
- It is hosted on Kenya Education Network, from a server in KE. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Kenya Education Network
Hosting	Kenya Education Network - Kenya Education Network, KE
Country	KE
Server IP	197.136.12.32
Name servers	ns1.kenet.or.ke, ns2.kenet.or.ke, ns3.kenet.or.ke
SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA OV R36
SSL expiry	2026-10-09
Domain age	11.29 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-04-29
Archive first seen	2015-06-25
Archive snapshots	719

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about karu.ac.ke 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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