

Is newscientist.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 97/100

newscientist.com

Verdict

97

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

newscientist.com 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 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage of New Scientist — an established science news publisher offering articles across topics (health, space, physics, technology, environment), with navigation to subscriptions, events, podcasts, shop and sponsored 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	31 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign Atlas R3 DV TLS CA 2025 Q4	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).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is New Scientist, an established science-news publisher presenting reporting and features across health, space, physics, technology, environment and related subjects, with a commercial model based on subscriptions, advertising, sponsored content, events, tours and a shop.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed: the available evidence identifies no phishing, impersonation, blacklist, malicious-content, or conflicting-identity signal. The homepage presents a coherent publisher experience with substantive editorial categories, internal navigation, subscription and account functions, and links to established social platforms. Its apparent business model is consistent with a conventional media publisher rather than an abuse-oriented or investment-related service. The site is therefore apparently legitimate and presents low scam or impersonation risk, although the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as a publisher homepage with no detected red flags, no suspected brand impersonation, and no suspicious browser behavior.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and 0 abuse reports; the domain is within the top 1 million by traffic, with a recorded rank of 2669.
- The domain was registered on 1995-07-29 and is approximately 31.06 years old.

Regulatory Verification Notes

New Scientist appears to operate as a commercial media and subscription service, not as a business presenting a regulated financial or investment offering. The available evidence is consistent with an established site, but it does not independently verify the real-world operator or establish a regulatory registration. The registration record names Associated Newspapers Limited as the organization and identifies NOM-IQ Ltd dba Com Laude as registrar; privacy treatment of the registrant is an administrative detail rather than an identity contradiction. The site's apparent identity and business purpose are coherent, while ordinary merchant and subscription disclosures should still be checked before payment activity.

EVIDENCE

- The registration record lists NOM-IQ Ltd dba Com Laude as registrar and Associated Newspapers Limited as the organization.
- The site's hosting telemetry records AS54113, operated by FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US.
- The site's transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by GlobalSign Atlas R3 DV TLS CA 2025 Q4, valid through 2026-12-12.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm the publisher's corporate identity, review the applicable subscription terms and cancellation conditions, and confirm available payment-protection and refund arrangements. Contact and support channels should be validated through an independently obtained source rather than relying solely on details encountered during a browsing session.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides paths to About Us, Contact Us, subscription management and account settings.
- The homepage includes login and subscription functions but no sensitive form beyond those ordinary account and billing flows was detected.
- The available business-model evidence describes custodial billing in which the user pays the publisher.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture for ordinary browsing and normal site interaction. The conclusion is strong at the website-risk level, while operator identity remains likely rather than independently proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Fastly CDN/WAF infrastructure, with observed traffic served through AS54113 and edge address 199.232.26.217; the origin server was not observable in this analysis. This is a mitigating infrastructure signal that reduces direct exposure of the service origin, but it is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal use is proportionate to the available risk assessment, with independent merchant-identity, subscription-term and payment-protection checks completed before credentials or payments are submitted.

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	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100

Identity verification confidence	39%
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- Trusted social count=3

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 newscientist.com.

- The request stayed on newscientist.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under NOM-IQ Ltd dba Com Laude. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by co.uk, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-28. NOTED
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	NOM-IQ Ltd dba Com Laude
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	199.232.26.217
Name servers	NS1.ASSOCIATED.CO.UK, NS2.ANLREMOTE.COM
SSL issuer	GlobalSign Atlas R3 DV TLS CA 2025 Q4
SSL expiry	2026-12-12
Domain age	31.06 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-28
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 newscientist.com 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.

