

Is pdconsultants.co.in a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

pdconsultants.co.in

Verdict



0
OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

pdconsultants.co.in shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-20 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

PD Overseas Education Consultants - a Pune-based study-abroad consultancy offering admissions guidance, visa processing, scholarship and loan assistance. The page contains service descriptions, team mentions, contact details and a contact form.

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.

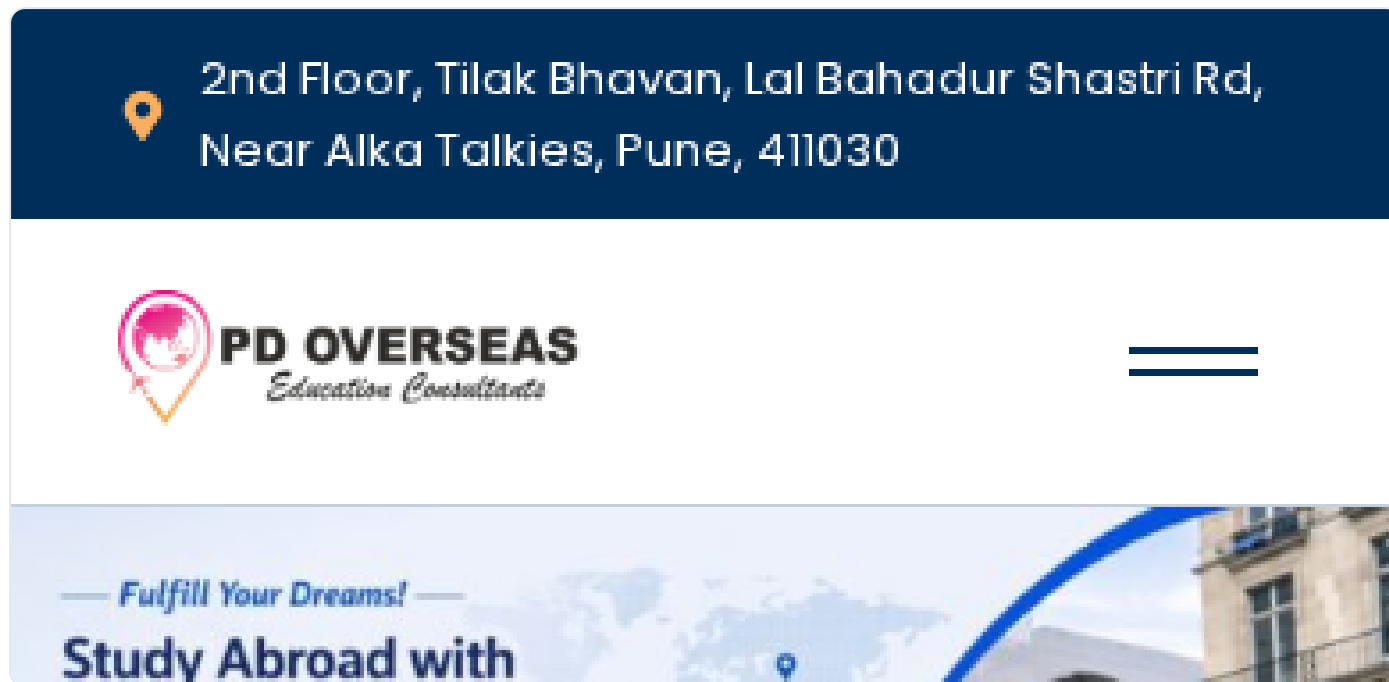
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	14 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	7.9 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2018 573 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE2	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://pdconsultants.co.in/>



What pdconsultants.co.in served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-20. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2018.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

Fortinet, Sophos flagged this site in external intelligence checks, indicating elevated compromise/scam exposure that requires immediate caution.

The website is PD Overseas Education Consultants, a commercial study-abroad consultancy presenting admissions guidance, scholarship assistance, education-loan facilitation, visa processing, SOP writing, and university-selection services for students seeking placements across the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Europe, and New Zealand.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

The site's apparent education-consultancy purpose is not itself suspicious, and the reviewed pages did not show a login form, hidden form, cryptocurrency activity, or overt credential-harvesting mechanism. However, this benign presentation is outweighed by confirmed external threat detections: the domain is blacklisted, and multiple security vendors recorded malicious findings. A separate page-similarity signal associated the site with "consultant.ru," but the available evidence does not establish a confirmed brand impersonation or identity contradiction. The combination of confirmed blacklist status and malicious detections makes sensitive interaction

inappropriate, particularly where personal documents, credentials, or payments could be involved. No additional phishing or confirmed impersonation signal was observed.

EVIDENCE

- External reputation evaluation recorded 14 malicious detections and 0 suspicious detections; Fortinet and Sophos were among the flagged vendors.
- The site's homepage contains a single contact form and no login form or hidden form, according to the rendered-page analysis.
- Domain registration records show registration on 2018-09-17, making the domain approximately 7.93 years old.
- Web-archive records show 573 snapshots from 2018-10-09 through 2026-05-19, covering 9 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site describes paid consultancy services involving admissions, visas, scholarships, and education loans, but the supplied pages do not clearly establish the responsible legal entity, licensing position, or regulatory authorization for those activities. Identity verification remains unconfirmed, and the site's governance and ownership disclosures are insufficient for a regulated financial or enterprise onboarding decision. The absence of a broker-dataset match provides no regulatory endorsement. These disclosure limitations are separate from the confirmed external security warnings and should not be interpreted as proof of fraud on their own.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the business as "PD Overseas Education Consultants" and presents a Pune office address, team references, service descriptions, and a contact form, but no license authority or license number is shown.
- The site's transport encryption uses a Domain Validation certificate issued by YE2, valid through 2026-10-28.
- The hosting infrastructure is AS47583, operated by AS-HOSTINGER / Hostinger International Limited, CY, with the service resolving in Germany.

What to Verify Next

Before any sensitive engagement, an independent party should confirm the consultancy's legal name, operating address, and responsible personnel through an offline channel rather than relying solely on the website. Any claimed authority to provide visa, education-loan, or scholarship-related assistance should be checked with the relevant official institution or registry, and payment arrangements should use protections that permit dispute or recovery. Security teams should also confirm the domain's current disposition with their own endpoint and web-filtering controls before allowing access from managed environments.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents admissions, visa, scholarship, education-loan, SOP-writing, and university-selection services across several destination regions.
- The rendered site exposes a standard contact form with name, email, and message fields; no sensitive form destination was detected.
- The site's displayed counters for students guided, visa success rate, successful admissions, and years of excellence are all shown as zero, reducing their value as evidence of operating scale.
- The homepage includes a scholarship success story claiming a fully funded government scholarship, which should be independently confirmed with the named student or issuing authority before reliance.

Summary Verdict

The website has a **critical trust posture** for sensitive interaction. Its established technical and historical footprint does not overcome the confirmed malicious and blacklist signals, while the real-world operator remains unverified. The appropriate classification is sensitive-interaction risk rather than a conclusion that the education service itself is definitively fraudulent.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a Hostinger-hosted origin, with no CDN detected and one likely origin IP identified. This provides limited infrastructure-layer mitigation: the hosting environment is identifiable, but there is no observed CDN or WAF edge layer to absorb or separate direct origin exposure.

EVIDENCE

- The site resolves to 147.93.99.164 in Germany.
- Infrastructure analysis identified 1 unique IP, 0 CDN edge IPs, and 1 likely origin IP.
- The hosting network is AS47583, registered through RIPE NCC.

Closing Assessment

A prospective user or organization should limit interaction to non-sensitive review until the operator, service authority, and security disposition have been independently validated; credentials, identity documents, and payments should not be submitted through the site at this stage.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-20 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox, external reputation.

01 Governance Risk

- The public registration record for this domain is incomplete.

Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_INCOMPLETE

02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.

Analysis engine signal:direct_threat

- A large share of what the page loaded came from other domains.

Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_EXTERNAL_RATIO_MODERATE

- An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it.

External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL

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 pdconsultants.co.in.

- The request stayed on pdconsultants.co.in. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)
- Registration is published under GoDaddy.com, LLC. [CLEAR](#)
- DNS for this domain is served by domaincontrol.com, across 2 name servers. [NOTED](#)
- The registration is paid up to 2026-09-17. [NOTED](#)
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2018-10-09. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on AS-HOSTINGER, from a server in DE. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	GoDaddy.com, LLC
Hosting	AS-HOSTINGER - Hostinger International Limited, CY
Country	DE
Server IP	147.93.99.164
Name servers	ns11.domaincontrol.com, ns12.domaincontrol.com
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-10-28
Domain age	7.93 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-09-17

Archive first seen	2018-10-09
Archive snapshots	573
Reputation	VirusTotal: 14 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about pdconsultants.co.in 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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