

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

pepstores.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

pepstores.com appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-02 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

PEP Online is an established South African retail ecommerce site offering clothing, footwear, homeware, beauty products, children's goods, school supplies, cellular devices, and related services. The page includes account access, shopping cart functionality, delivery and returns information, store support, and additional financial and payment offerings.

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	2 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2001 606 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE1	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 2001.
- 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

PEP Online is an established South African retail ecommerce website presenting clothing, footwear, homeware, beauty, children's and school products, cellular goods, store support, account access, delivery, returns, and related services for direct consumer sales online and in stores.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions, phishing indicators, blacklist findings, or suspected brand impersonation were observed. The homepage presents a coherent retail operation with standard login, registration, password-reset, cart, delivery, returns, and store-support functions; observed browser behavior was benign, with no hidden forms, wallet activity, suspicious scripts, or external posting activity. External reputation checks were clean, and the site has an established global traffic footprint.

- The domain was registered in 1997 and is approximately 29.13 years old.
- The archive records 606 snapshots spanning 2001–2026, with 26 years tracked.
- The homepage was classified as an ecommerce site with no detected red flags or brand-impersonation indicators.
- External checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections; traffic rank was 22083 and within the top 1 million.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's identity and commercial purpose are clear from its retail presentation, but the supplied page evidence does not show a license or registration number for its ancillary financial offerings, including accounts, loans, money transfers, funeral cover, and lay-by services. This is a transparency item for regulatory verification, not evidence of deception. No separate third-party broker match was identified.

- The homepage identifies PEP Online and presents retail, delivery, returns, store-location, and customer-support functions.
- Domain registration is through Lexsynergy Limited; hosting is on AS13335 (Cloudflare).
- The TLS certificate was issued by YE1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-09-12.

What to Verify Next

Before relying on the ancillary financial services, the relevant South African licensing or registration status should be confirmed through the applicable official registry. Product terms, eligibility conditions, delivery obligations, and return conditions should also be checked on the site before significant commitments.

- The homepage presents financial and payment services alongside ordinary retail products.
- Delivery, returns, account access, and store-support information are available through the site’s customer-facing pages.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is legitimate, established, and trustworthy. The available evidence supports normal interaction, including account login and standard use, with no observed contradiction to the site’s identity or business purpose.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection fronts the website, and all observed addresses were CDN edge infrastructure with no origin candidate identified. This reduces direct exposure and is a mitigating control, although infrastructure protection alone is not proof of legitimacy.

- The hosting infrastructure uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection.
- Two observed addresses were identified as CDN edge servers, with 0 likely origin addresses.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may proceed with normal shopping, account login, and standard transactions, applying ordinary care to purchase and account decisions.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-02 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 pepstores.com.

- The request stayed on pepstores.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Lexsynergy Limited. CLEAR

- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-06-21. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2001-04-06. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in CA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Lexsynergy Limited
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	CA
Server IP	2620:127:f00f:5::
Name servers	LISA.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM, TADEO.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
SSL issuer	YE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-12
Domain age	29.1 years
Domain expiry	2027-06-21
Archive first seen	2001-04-06
Archive snapshots	606
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 2 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about pepstores.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.