

Is rfc-editor.org legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

rfc-editor.org

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

rfc-editor.org appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

RFC Editor site pages providing descriptions, lists, and downloads of RFCs and guidance for authors; authoritative informational content for Internet standards.

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	28 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	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 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The RFC Editor is an informational standards-publication website that provides descriptions, searchable listings, downloads, errata, author guidance, and publication-process material for RFC documents used by the Internet community. Its apparent business model is non-commercial publication and archiving within the IETF, IRTF, IAB, and related standards ecosystem.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents coherent standards-related content, identifies the RFC Editor function, and contains no observed phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or suspicious transaction indicators. Automated interaction testing recorded limited network, console, and page-change irregularities, but no cloaking, hidden forms, password-collection forms, wallet activity, or other sensitive-action behavior; these observations do not establish malicious intent. The site's long registration continuity and substantial archival record further support provenance consistent with an established publication service.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and navigation identify RFC publications, Internet standards, author resources, errata, privacy information, and contact functions, with no page-level red flags reported.
- Automated page testing observed no login form, hidden form, external password form, wallet-provider activity, wallet-drainer behavior, clipboard hijacking, or cloaking.
- Domain registration: 1998-05-15 (~28.26 years old).
- Web archive: 5,000 snapshots spanning 1998-12-02 to 2024-09-19 (27 years tracked), with a maximum observed gap of 1 year.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate informational website, but it does not independently verify the real-world operator identity. The About Us, Privacy Statement, Contact, and publication-process material provide substantive operational context, while the homepage links to the IETF, IRTF, IAB, and related standards resources. No commercial licensing claim or license number is presented; for this non-transactional publication model, that is a disclosure and verification point rather than evidence of a scam. The site's strong reputation indicators, long-established registration, top-tier global traffic footprint, recognized registrar, and valid transport encryption provide convergent support for its legitimacy. No adverse broker-reputation match was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The domain is registered through Cloudflare, Inc.; the site has a traffic rank of 2155 and is within the top 1,000,000 sites.
- The site is served on AS13335, operated by CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- TLS is issued by WE1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-11-10T08:51:13+00:00.
- The homepage and About Us materials describe RFC publication for the IETF, IRTF, IAB, and ISE, while the legal and contact pages provide supporting site information.

What to Verify Next

Before any unexpected credential or payment interaction, an institution should independently confirm the site's relationship with the named standards organizations through their separately maintained institutional channels. The Privacy Statement, Contact page, and About Us material should be checked for consistency with the intended use case, and any request outside ordinary document access should be validated through an independently sourced contact route. Payment-protection and merchant-identity checks are appropriate if a future interaction introduces a commercial transaction.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides links to IETF, IRTF, IAB, and datatracker resources that can be compared with independently accessed institutional pages.
- The site's navigation exposes About Us, Privacy Statement, Contact, publication-process, and author-guidance pages for cross-checking.
- The observed page model is informational and publication-focused rather than transaction-focused.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence supports a **high-trust posture** for an established, apparently legitimate informational website. The absence of contradictory risk signals supports routine standards research and document-access use, while the operator's real-world identity remains independently unverified rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were Cloudflare edge servers rather than identified origin candidates. This reduces direct exposure of the underlying hosting environment and is a mitigating infrastructure characteristic, although it is not independently proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Routine reading, searching, downloading, and author-resource use is proportionate to the observed posture; any unexpected request for credentials or payment should first pass independent identity, policy, and payment-protection checks.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 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 rfc-editor.org.

- The request stayed on rfc-editor.org. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Cloudflare, Inc.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2031-05-14. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-12-02. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Cloudflare, Inc.
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a06:98c1:3122:8000::
Name servers	jill.ns.cloudflare.com, ken.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-11-10
Domain age	28.26 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2031-05-14
Archive first seen	1998-12-02
Archive snapshots	5000
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 rfc-editor.org 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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