

Is sars.gov.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

sars.gov.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

sars.gov.za 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

An informational homepage for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) offering navigation to tax types, legal resources, eFiling, forms, reporting scams, and contact details. Appears authoritative and institutional.

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	29 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1997 2633 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 1997.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the South African Revenue Service's official government information and taxpayer-services portal, presenting tax guidance, legal resources, eFiling access, forms, customs information, scam-reporting options, and contact channels for individuals, businesses, practitioners, and other public-service users.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent South African Revenue Service identity and an institutional public-service purpose, with no detected phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or other red-flag indicators. The available reputation evidence is clean, and the site's long, continuously represented history is consistent with an established public institution rather than a newly created impersonation. The real-world operator identity is therefore **apparently legitimate and evidence-consistent**, but not independently proven by the supplied evidence.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled "SARS Home | South African Revenue Service" and is classified as a government/official page with no detected red flags or brand-impersonation indicators.
- The domain was registered in 1997 and is approximately 29.33 years old.
- The web archive records 2,633 snapshots spanning 1997–2026, covering 30 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's legal and institutional presentation is consistent with a government revenue agency rather than a commercial financial service. Its navigation includes tax types, legal counsel, tax rates, customs and excise information, taxpayer services, and eFiling-related access. No independent regulatory-registration record is supplied in the available evidence; for this type of public institution, that is a confirmation matter rather than evidence of deception or an identity contradiction. The site does not make a commercial licensing claim requiring broker or investment-platform validation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides dedicated navigation for “About SARS,” “Types of Tax,” “Legal Counsel,” “Tax Rates,” “Customs and Excise,” and taxpayer-service categories.
- The site is served from AS13335, Cloudflare, Inc.
- The transport certificate is issued by WE1 with Domain Validation (DV), valid through 2026-09-13.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an independent government source should confirm that the SARS web address and the relevant contact channels are official. Account access should be reached from the independently confirmed homepage rather than from unsolicited messages, and any tax-payment instructions should be matched against independently sourced government guidance. Where a transaction is involved, the applicable payment-protection and dispute arrangements should be confirmed before funds are sent.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage exposes “Contact Us,” “About SARS,” “SARS Online,” “login,” and “register” routes.
- The site provides a dedicated “Report Suspicious Activity” route, allowing official scam-reporting procedures to be checked directly.
- The homepage links to legal, tax-rate, form, and taxpayer-service resources that can be used to reconcile instructions before account or payment activity.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate government website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-conflict indicators were observed, while operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by Cloudflare’s CDN/WAF, and all observed addresses are CDN edge infrastructure rather than an exposed origin server. This arrangement is a mitigating security-control signal that reduces direct origin exposure, but it is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is appropriate; before credential or payment interactions, independent confirmation of the official identity, applicable service terms, and payment-protection arrangements should be completed.

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	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100

Identity verification confidence

78%

- Identity verified on page
- 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 sars.gov.za.

- The request stayed on sars.gov.za. It was not redirected to another domain.

CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1997-04-14.

CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US.

NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a06:98c1:310d::ac40:95a6
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-13
Domain age	29.33 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1997-04-14
Archive snapshots	2633
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 sars.gov.za 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.