

Is studentroom.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

studentroom.co.za

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

studentroom.co.za 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

A South African-focused site listing internships, bursaries, learnerships and related opportunities with dated posts and category navigation. Content appears editorial and directory-oriented.

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	10 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE2	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.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

StudentRoom.co.za is a South African-focused informational listings and editorial website presenting internships, bursaries, learnerships, apprenticeships, government jobs, scholarships, university information, and related career opportunities, with an apparent directory and advertising-, affiliate-, or sponsored-listing-based business model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the assessed content and technical signals: there was no indication of phishing, brand impersonation, malicious reputation, or deceptive login activity. The homepage presents dated opportunity articles and category navigation rather than a transactional or credential-harvesting interface. Behavioral testing did identify suspicious inline scripts and some non-whitelisted external traffic, but these signals were attributed to page behavior and were not accompanied by hidden sensitive forms, wallet activity, cloaking, credential capture, or confirmed malicious detections. The available evidence therefore supports an apparently legitimate, low-risk informational site, while not independently proving the real-world operator's identity.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration: 2016-05-18T09:35:35Z; approximately 10.24 years old.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no phishing or impersonation finding.
- The homepage was classified as a listings/job-board page; testing observed no login form, hidden form, password submission, wallet connection, or drainer behavior.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's apparent function is informational rather than that of a regulated financial service. The assessed content does not present a licensing claim, regulatory authority, or license number, so regulatory applicability and operator attribution remain matters for independent confirmation rather than evidence of misconduct. The website's established registration continuity, valid transport encryption, clean external reputation, and identifiable hosting infrastructure are consistent with an established site; however, the operator identity remains unverified.

EVIDENCE

- Hosted on AS47583, identified as AS-HOSTINGER — Hostinger International Limited, CY.
- TLS certificate issued by YE2 with DV validation, valid to 2026-10-24T23:09:12+00:00.
- The assessed site content contains no stated license claim, licensing authority, or license number.

What to Verify Next

Before relying on a particular vacancy, bursary, or training opportunity, independently confirm the opportunity through the named employer, university, government body, or other originating institution, including the closing date and application destination. If an application redirects elsewhere, review the destination's identity, privacy terms, and data-collection practices before submitting personal information. Before any credential or payment interaction, conduct ordinary independent checks of the relevant merchant or operator identity, return or cancellation terms, and available payment protections.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage contains dated posts attributed to named authors and references opportunities associated with organisations including PSG Financial Services, Ares Holdings, and Schneider Electric.
- No sensitive form or untrusted form destination was detected on the assessed homepage.
- The site uses WordPress with PHP and jQuery; the homepage contains advertising and analytics activity consistent with an editorial listings model.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence supports a **high-trust, apparently legitimate informational website with low apparent risk**. The legitimacy assessment is evidence-consistent and supported by converging content, registration, reputation, and technical signals, but the real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection is present, and the observed service endpoint was an edge address rather than an exposed origin address. This provides a mitigating layer against direct infrastructure exposure but is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; credential or payment interactions should proceed only after the independent identity, terms, and payment-protection checks described above.

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	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100

Identity verification confidence	50%
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- 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 studentroom.co.za.

- The request stayed on studentroom.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under HOSTAFRICA. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-18. NOTED
- It is hosted on AS-HOSTINGER, from a server in LT. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	HOSTAFRICA
Hosting	AS-HOSTINGER - Hostinger International Limited, CY
Country	LT
Server IP	88.223.92.159
Name servers	lia.ns.cloudflare.com, terin.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-10-24
Domain age	10.24 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-18
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 studentroom.co.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.

