

Is tohoku.ac.jp legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

tohoku.ac.jp

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

tohoku.ac.jp 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

Official university website content focused on academics, admissions, research news, events, and institutional information for Tohoku University.

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	30 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1997 656 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by NII Open Domain CA - G8 RSA	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

Tohoku University's website is an institutional academic portal presenting information on academics, admissions, research, university news, events, campus life, international affairs, alumni services, and employment, with an apparent purpose of supporting students, staff, researchers, visitors, and the wider university community.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site's content consistently presents a university identity and an informational, non-financial business model, with no detected phishing indicators, credential-harvesting forms, malicious behavior, or investment solicitation. Independent reputation checks were clean, and the site's historical presence and present-day content are aligned with an established institutional website. The real-world operator identity remains independently unverified, so the apparent institutional identity should not be treated as independently proven.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and academic navigation identify "Tohoku University" and provide structured sections for academics, admissions, research, university news, events, and campus services.
- The captured site presented no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, untrusted form destination, or credential-harvesting indicator.
- The domain was registered in 1997 and is approximately 29.57 years old; archival records contain 656 snapshots spanning 1997–2009 across 13 tracked years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website presents an educational and institutional purpose rather than a regulated financial service. Its pages include university history, organization, leadership, admissions, fees and expenses, financial aid, research, careers, and contact information; however, the available evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator identity. No separate financial licensing claim or license number is relevant to the stated business model, while institutional identity and governance disclosures should still be assessed through authoritative university sources when formal assurance is required. A separate broker-reputation dataset produced no matching record; this is contextual reputational information, not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- The “About Tohoku University,” “History,” “Organization Chart,” “President’s Message,” and “Contact us” pages provide institution-specific identity and organizational content.
- The site is hosted on AS2907, SINET-AS - Research Organization of Information and Systems, National Institute of Informatics, JP.
- The site's TLS certificate uses OV validation, was issued by NII Open Domain CA - G8 RSA for Tohoku University, and is valid to 2027-03-28.

What to Verify Next

For formal onboarding, confirm the institution and relevant department through an independently sourced university directory or an offline contact route rather than relying solely on the website's own identity claims. Before any credential or payment interaction associated with admissions, fees, donations, or other services, review the applicable terms, refund or return provisions, and payment-protection arrangements through independently confirmed institutional channels.

EVIDENCE

- The navigation exposes “Admissions,” “Fees and Expenses,” “Financial Aid,” and “Contact us” pages that can be matched against independently sourced university information.
- The site's stated functions are academic, admissions, research, event, campus, alumni, and employment information rather than direct investment or custodial financial services.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. This conclusion supports ordinary informational use, while the operator identity remains a matter of apparent rather than independently verified legitimacy.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is directly resolved to a likely origin rather than being presented through a detected CDN or WAF edge layer. That configuration offers less distributed edge protection, but it is an infrastructure characteristic rather than evidence of malicious activity.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessment; independent institutional and transaction checks should be completed before credentials or funds are submitted.

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	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

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 tohoku.ac.jp.

- The request stayed on tohoku.ac.jp. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)
- DNS for this domain is served by ac.jp, across 4 name servers. [NOTED](#)
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1997-01-15. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on SINET-AS, from a server in JP. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	SINET-AS - Research Organization of Information and Systems, National Institute of Informatics, JP
Country	JP
Server IP	130.34.41.233
Name servers	ns1.tohoku.ac.jp, ns2.tohoku.ac.jp, ns4.tohoku.ac.jp, dns-x.sinet.ad.jp
SSL issuer	NII Open Domain CA - G8 RSA
SSL expiry	2027-03-28
Domain age	29.57 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	1997-01-15
Archive snapshots	656
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 tohoku.ac.jp 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.

