

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

ukzn.ac.za

Verdict



ukzn.ac.za appears legitimate.

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

Not ScamLow Risk

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

What this site appears to be

Official University of KwaZulu-Natal website providing institutional information, admissions, research, campus life, contact numbers and social links. Contains cookie consent and analytics references.

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	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2004 2394 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	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 2004.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents itself as the University of KwaZulu-Natal's academic and institutional portal, providing information on admissions, research, campuses, student services, news, contact channels, and university life. Its apparent business model is that of a public higher-education institution communicating with prospective students, current students, researchers, staff, and the wider community rather than soliciting investment or speculative financial activity.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, malware, blacklist, malicious-reputation, or confirmed impersonation contradictions were observed. The homepage content is coherent with a university portal, contains no sensitive login or payment form, and its observed behavior showed no wallet activity, hidden forms, external form submissions, or cloaking. A page-level naming-similarity signal associated the site with "uk.com," but the university-specific content and broader evidence did not corroborate an impersonation scenario; it therefore remains a non-confirming similarity signal rather than an identity contradiction. The site's apparent institutional legitimacy is strong, although the real-world operator is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies "UKZN – University of KwaZulu-Natal" and links to About, Contact, News, Applications, Campuses, Privacy Policy, and institutional social channels.
- Domain continuity begins on 2004-01-10, with an authoritative domain age of 22.590006844626966 years.
- The site has 2394 archive snapshots spanning 2004-01-10 to 2026-08-04, covering 23 years.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, no malicious search-safety result, and no external blacklist hit.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed content clearly describes an academic institution and provides institutional, admissions, research, campus, and contact information. The pages do not present a financial-services licence or registration number; for the described university-information model, that is a disclosure and applicability point rather than evidence of a scam. The available evidence supports an apparently legitimate, established site, but does not independently verify the legal entity operating the domain. Cookies and Google Analytics are disclosed through the consent interface, which is consistent with ordinary institutional website operation.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage's business description is university and education focused, with no investment solicitation or financial-product claims.
- The site is hosted on AS37153, Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, in South Africa.
- Transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by YR2, valid to 2026-09-20T10:43:44+00:00.
- The homepage's cookie interface identifies necessary, functional, and analytics categories and describes Google Analytics use.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions connected with admissions or other services, independently confirm the institution's merchant identity, applicable refund or return terms, and payment-protection arrangements through an official institutional directory or an independently obtained contact route. Institutional social profiles and contact numbers should also be cross-checked before relying on a newly received message or payment instruction.

EVIDENCE

- The Contact page is part of the site's internal navigation and provides institutional contact information for cross-checking.
- The Applications page is linked from the site's primary content structure and is the relevant location for admissions-related processes.
- The Privacy Policy page is available from the homepage for review of data-handling terms.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, with available evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. No scam or impersonation contradiction was observed, while operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to one identified hosting address on Xneelo's network, with no CDN or WAF detected. Direct hosting provides less edge-layer protection than a mainstream CDN deployment, but the infrastructure pattern is not, by itself, indicative of malicious activity.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is proportionate; credentials or payments should be limited to interactions that pass the independent institutional, transaction-policy, and payment-protection checks described above.

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	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

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 ukzn.ac.za.

- The request stayed on ukzn.ac.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2004-01-10. CLEAR
- It is hosted on Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, from a server in ZA. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	Xneelo (Pty) Ltd - Xneelo (Pty) Ltd, ZA
Country	ZA
Server IP	160.115.0.2
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-09-20
Domain age	22.59 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	2004-01-10
Archive snapshots	2394
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 ukzn.ac.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.

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