

Proposed Electricians (Scotland) Bill

Introduction

A proposal for a bill to provide for the protection of title and registration of electricians. The consultation runs from 19 August to 10 November 2020. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: [Consultation Document](#) [Privacy Notice](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation. Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

Qualified registered electrician

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Lack of regulation is leading to dangerous electrical installs

Q2. What do you think would be the main practical advantages of the proposed Bill?

Less poorly qualified installers (especially from companies that have a 'one person does all the work' system), safer properties, less house fires, saving life

Q3. What do you think would be the main practical disadvantages of the proposed Bill?

Ensuring a open, transparent and fair system of regulation

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of the establishment of a single register for electricians?

Fully supportive

Please give any views or comments on a single register and how it might be set up

Must include insurances and qualifications and ensure CPD

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing protection of title for electricians?

Fully supportive

Please give any views or comments either on the principle or practical operation of protection of title:

Helps stop 'have a go heroes', makes them think more before installing unsafe works.

Financial Implications

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Government and the public sector				X		
(b) Businesses			X			
(c) Individuals			X			

Please explain the reasons for your response

If the government use an effective registration system that covers the costs and also brings landlord (electrical) rules and building standards (electrical requirements) in to one system it will save government, individuals and companies money as there is a single system to ensure an electrician is compliant.

Q7. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

Yes, make it a requirement of house sales that an EICR is included as part of the home report, it is very common for a property to be tarted up and look nice, have no certificates and be a death trap. This will ensure that many properties will be checked and standards will rise.
I see people on a regular basis who buy a property over 5 years old and it all looks good but it is unsafe.

Equalities

Q8. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It will have a positive effect- by bringing tighter regulation of electricians there will be less poor workmanship.

This impacts on persons with protected characteristics as they are more vulnerable to shock risks (talking about disability part here) due to movement / sensitivity issues etc.

By introducing this law homes will be made safer which will impact disabled persons in a better way as people with physical disabilities make it harder to move from danger or perceive it, or may not see it (such as a taped live connection next to a cupboard light in a kitchen)

Q9. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

It needs to bring together all things in Scotland (relating to electrics) on to a single tiered system rather than another bunch of rules for this, that and the other (if you see what I mean)

Sustainability

Q10. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Safer homes mean less new builds, better housing stock and less new builds

General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Yes, call me