

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:

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).

Craig Macfarlane

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.

The electrical industry especially in the domestic setting seems to be getting worse with people who are not qualified doing electrical works. Personally I have had to fix a lot of issues when I come across them and when you ask to see a certificate for the work they don't have one. Just because something works the customers have no idea if it is safe to use or not.

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

The main advantage would obviously be the safety of customers and end users. Also would allow people to check if you have the correct qualifications to be doing the work. If the people that are unqualified doing the work still wish to carry on doing it they would have to go and do the relevant courses.

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

None

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

I think the single registrar would be a fantastic idea as it would make the individual more responsible for work carried out with certification and the Installation. I think every qualified electrician should have a number registered to them which is put on their grade card and also on a list on the Internet for customers to check.

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:

As I said on my previous comments too many people are carrying out works they are not qualified to do. Not everybody is signed up to the NIC or Select as they have their own views on them. So this is the only way of achieving this

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

I think the only increase in costs would be to smaller electrical works as some people and shop owners look for the cheaper quote but the small increase in cost would be worth the guarantee of a safe working installation and removing the risk of fires and of potential fatality

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

No in my view people spend thousands on electrical equipment for their homes and business and scrimp on the most important part the installation even though its a one off cost to rewire or wire and can last for 30 years

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.

None everybody can be an electrician regardless as long as you hold the correct qualifications.

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

There is no negative impact

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.

I can't see anything this would impact

General

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

No