

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:

Electrical contractor

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).

Darren Crockett

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.

Consumers think all electricians have to be qualified and registered to carry out electrical work and I think passing this bill will allow the public to have a better chance of choosing a proper qualified electrician when they require one

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

They will improve electrical standards in our industry and hopefully cut out sub standard and unsafe work for clients

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

None this is a step in the right direction and will protect consumers

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

It gives consumers and clients confidence to check the register for a registered qualified contractor an existing model could be adopted like the Sjib scheme which would keep costs down

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

Fully supportive

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

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

Most customers think electricians are protected title it happens in other industries and should be in our industry electricity can kill the same as gas it also creates a better culture and emphasises that poor standards are unacceptable.

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 we use the existing sjib scheme then I think costs would be negligible.

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

Netting off costs against benefits research suggests a cautious estimate of net benefits to Scotland from proper regulation of electricians is circa £58 million this figure includes the benefit of higher electrical standards such as fewer injuries and deaths better functioning installations and less need for call backs and poor unsafe works to be repaired leading to improved customer satisfaction

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.

The numbers required to enter the industry to maintain and indeed grow the workforce bearing in mind the drive towards an electric economy is significant therefore increasing the number of women and other ethnic minority and other entrants will mean a significant benefit to the country as a whole.

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

It is important to get the message about regulation as wide as possible and the industry and the government would need to work together to get information out as soon and as widely possible

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.

Our future energy demands and heating demands and transportation are likely to be electric and driven by the governments own plans to increase more renewable installations and reduce our carbon footprint means that electricians will play an ever increasing role in delivering on these targets so we must make sure these installations are done by properly qualified and trained electricians.

General

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

The case for action is overwhelming many electricians are fully trained and operate to high standards and do a good and safe job wherever they work. However while most electricians do hold qualifications quite a number do not and are not up to current regulations and standards and to save lives and protect property it's vital the regulation is introduced to cut out the unsafe work being carried out in our industry.