

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:

Full apprenticeship served Tradesman

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I would like this response to be published anonymously

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.

To protect the livelihood of Professional Electricians and to stop DIY'ers and builders playing god by pretending to be electricians, whereby someone could be killed due to lack of training, knowledge and experience.

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

Safety for the Public and protection of jobs for qualified Electricians

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

Would encourage people training to gain the correct qualifications, and would allow customers to verify tradesman before allowing work saving both money and lives

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:

Electrician was once established as the "king of the trades" for good reason. The amount of qualifications, regular training, specialist equipment and scientific knowledge required is repeatedly being undermined in todays society to a point where people are employing local handymen to do electrical work in their home and electrical labourers are taking the jobs of skilled tradesmen to name but a few

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 feel that as a whole the government and public sectors would remain relatively cost-neutral, if not better off as work should be getting completed to a higher standard thus limiting potential damages to property and any loss of life. Arguably, the cost to individuals may increase as instead of using a cheap un-qualified and un-registered handyman or "builder" however they will inevitably receive a higher standard of work as well as peace of mind.

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

Unsure

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?

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Can't see how this would have an negative impacts on any of these

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

By offering better training and in more areas for those looking to train in the trade

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

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Please explain the reasons for your response.

I feel that this bill can only be a step forward in the right direction

General

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

No