

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

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

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

That Electricians are trained to work safely and eddiciently.

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

It may not be possible to wittle out all the non skilled workers but it will definitely be beneficial for the pupil.

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

Fully supportive

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

Fully supportive

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			

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 c. £58million. This monetary figure includes all of the benefits from higher electrical standards, such as fewer injuries and deaths, better functioning installations, less need for call backs or for poor/unsafe work 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

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

The SJIB operates, the Crediting Electrotechnical Competence (CEC) Scheme. This allows those who hold partial qualifications/and or experience to submit an application to be graded as an electrician. The application is then considered by industry experts and they will advise what if any additional training is required for the applicant to meet the criteria to become an electrician. A number of candidates go through the scheme on an annual basis and to alleviate any additional demand which may be placed on this scheme, we would suggest a lead in time of 18-24 months between enactment and implementation of the Bill to make sure those who need to obtain a qualification can do so.

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 as possible.

It's important to manage any extra costs or red tape carefully so that there is no significant increase in either. Thus, using the existing scheme via the SJIB would minimise any such large increases.

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

General

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

I think that the protection of title for electricians will be highly beneficial not just for trained electricians but for the public too. It means all electricians will have to work to a higher/safer standard, meaning fewer accidents and safer environments for everyone.

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