

# 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).

Michael Bruce

## 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.**

I work in the training of Electricians and feel there is a need for more regulation to make sure that the person/s undertaking the work is/are fully qualified to do the work

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

It will reassure the public that if they require an electrician then the person/s they get are fully qualified and experienced.

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

I cannot see any disadvantage.

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**

As the SJIB already grade electricians, it would make sense for them to oversee a single register

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				

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Probably a bit more cost to the employer for keeping their electricians skills up to date and relevant and possible a small cost to employees to keep their skills up to date to stay on the register.

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

I think that the essential point with the bill is not cost but the improvement in the standard of work being done across Scotland and what is offered to the general public.  
The bill should allow the public to be safe in the knowledge that when they employ an electrician, they will be registered and can produce a safe, high standard of work. This may mean an extra cost involved for peace of mind

## 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?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I believe the industry is quite diverse at the moment and don't see any change to this with this proposed bill.

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

As said before, I believe the industry is quite diverse and don't see any 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.**

Other industries have this eg Gas Safe, and this is delivered sustainably. I believe the electrical industry can have equal success when delivering on the proposed bill.

## General

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

I have worked in the industry for 46 years and have seen excellent work done and some very shoddy, dangerous work done, I believe we can almost eliminate the dangerous work with this proposed bill