

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".)

Member of the public

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).

Kevin Griffin

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 feel electricity is a risk to life if not handled by a professionally qualified person therefore requires regulation due to the number of people allowed to operate without fully understanding what they are doing with possible fatal consequences

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

this will ensure only qualified trades persons will work in peoples houses removing doubts to their ability and the possible serious problems this lack of knowledge could cause

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

there are 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

this will reinforce the quality of workmanship which is much needed

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:

this would give recognition to the high level of understanding required to undertake these works

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 done correctly particularly using the existing frameworks available this would not be difficult or costly

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

this bill should result in fewer badly carried out , potentially causing fires/etc works taking place leading to unnecessary repairs costing the customer more if everyone is working from the same qualified level

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 current framework acknowledges the need for diversity in the workplace and strives towards it particularly to promote women into the industry which if a professional entity would result in more women and ethnic minority groups feeling more welcome as there would be a clearly set out policy

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

if managed correctly there should be little or no negative impact as everyone will be working at the same level and if the government provides the correct support to any affected parties to assist them in achieving the required standard

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.

As we anticipate the future to be electric and moving towards a greener future this is only going to provide a positive impact

General

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

the general public currently believe electricians are regulated and when advised otherwise are surprised and concerned at how such a progressive country as Scotland can allow this to be the case