

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.

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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".)

No Response

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Commercial organisation (company, business)

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what the organisation does, its experience and expertise in the subject-matter of the consultation, and how the view expressed in the response was arrived at (e.g. whether it is the view of particular office-holders or has been approved by the membership as a whole).

Electrical and mechanical design build and maintenance organisation with in excess of 140 staff, I am an owner operator

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.

We need to protect the name and values that Electrician stands for and ensure that all have the skills and competences needed to represent the industry properly and professionally. Standards and skills need to be encouraged and be fit for purpose. People portraying to be electricians are giving the industry a bad name and are a danger to the public.

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

Setting of the necessary standards to be able to use the name Electrician and identify the skillsets achieved.

This will allow people to identify whether someone is competent to undertake electrical works and ensure that safe practices are followed.

This will allow an auditable path to be followed if there are any issues .

Insurers should insist on only skilled and competently certified practitioners undertake electrical works. Skills need to be encouraged in line with needs and monies spent on correct and certifiable training.

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

There would be no disadvantages other than to the non professional fraudster type operators who need to be driven out of the market for delivering sub standard and non certifiable works and are a danger to the whole industry and weaken the good name and capabilities of the properly trained operators.

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 would allow a one point of reference for anyone to identify whether the person or business they were dealing with was bona fide or not.

It would ensure that the people who have trained and taken the time and effort to complete the necessary training are supported by ensuring works were driven to them only.

Not on the register then do not trade.

Somewhere for clients to ensure they are having what they are paying for.

Will mitigate responsibility under CDM by choosing a certified person from a register where people will be pre assessed to be on it as to their capabilities.

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:

Its the right thing to do for the profession and the public they serve.
It provides protection to the consumer.
This should be a minimum expectation.

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

Most properly trained time served electricians already have all the qualifications and if they join the SJIB then the register would be completed as a part of.
The benefits are what should be measured as what cost is Health and Safety!!!

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

The current situation doesn't measure the cost and dangers to the existing clients so the benefits far outweigh minimal costs increases if any.
The benefits would be more training and upskilling by a properly represented body who would value the opportunity.
Governments like the fact of self regulation and support this manner of ensuring the industry does so.

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

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?

Please explain the reasons for your response.

It will ensure that all operators have the correct information to hand and ensure that equal opportunity practices are followed.

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

Anyone who finds themselves outside of being able to register due to lack of qualifications etc could be supported properly and encouraged to upskill and come within the proper fold.
It would encourage the correct mindset of valued competency.

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.

Impacts will be positive and have positive impacts not negative.

General

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

Generally people assume that our industry is regulated when it is not which is a very dangerous place to be.
This must change to protect the public we serve.
We must ensure that the industry we represent remains valued by all that use us and we ensure that they have the confidence in what we represent is professionally delivered by highly skilled and credible operators.