

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](#)

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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)

Please choose one of the following:

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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

Please explain the reasons for your response.

The only way to maintain an ideal minimum and aimed for excellence level is to ensure that those completing the tasks are qualified and interested in the task and not just completing because they think they can

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

pushing for standard of work to be completed and exceed by those wanting to ensure a reputation in an industry that could so easily become lapsed

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

you cant put a disadvantage on trying to promote safe working practices and end user safety.

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

By having a register you are creating a referral point. look at that scheme for EV charging, this can only be completed by OLEV approved installers - should the electrical installation as whole not have a similar register

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:

a job title gives the person completing that feeling of pride and this shouldnt be a task being able to be carried by anyone - look at many other areas of skillset.

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 |
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| (a) Government and the public sector | | | X | | | |
| (b) Businesses | | | X | | | |
| (c) Individuals | | | | | | |

Please explain the reasons for your response

working on the remit of being an SJIB contactor by being SELECT registered then half the steps are in place and it simply needs formal qualification

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

No Response

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.

I personally think this is a generational thing but by having a recognised role definition this should encourage many who a decade or two ago wouldn't have thought of entering an area but may now.

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

by emphasising that a bill on equality doesnt mean a multitude of hoops to jump through to attain and that its purpose is to evolve an existing industry rather than devolve through increased documentation

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.

Yes, some clarity to the public would quickly highlight that what is being created is the rights for people with a skillset that so far people seem to think is already in place when in fact they are open to false claims with very little source of response to this.

General

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

No Response