

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).

Electricians

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

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

To stop people claiming to be an Electrician being allowed to work on electrics, we have to take continued training to be up to date with regulations, we have to pay for our membership of an accredited body, only for someone who knows a little about electrics to take work away from us, leaving us looking like we over charge, and leaving us looking as if we were trying to rip people off

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

The little knowledge held by someone who 'knows a bit about electrics' calling themselves an electrician is an insult to the 4 years of training and continued learning and updating a real electrician has to do, the fire and danger risks we come across due to a non qualified person having done electrics in someones home happens far too often and is a real concern, people are having to trust the person is an electrician. This bill would mean the difference between someone having a safe job done, and a fire / life risk one done, if you aren't qualified in the correct way to work on electrics you should not be allowed to work on them and put peoples lives, homes, businesses etc at risk.

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			

Please explain the reasons for your response

It's a hard one to say, the cost may increase for those using 'know a bit about electrics' people calling themselves electricians, but only as they should have been using an accredited fully qualified electrician anyway, but then money spent on insurance claims, repairing and fixing the mess left by work done in many cases by 'unqualified electricians' would be saved so in the long run it could balance out

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

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

People who are qualified but have done their training in a staggered way, these people will need to be considered as they could be ruled as not having the qualifications needed but actually have done the training, they would clearly need to evidence this though

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?

No Response