

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

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:

Just an electrician

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

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?

Partially opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Regulation in Electrical industry should be carried out without regard to cost, and should have an independent body which regulates the scheme providers. Also MSPs shouldn't be allowed to join the board at any point as possible conflicts of interests may arise.

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

We need as an industry to be regulated, if it stops unskilled person carrying out unsafe work then can be a thing for good, but be careful some of the crap work is carried out by electricians too.

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

Regardless of any law, people will still attempt home diy, their is no regulation on sale of electrical equipment such as consumer units. Also being an electrician is complex and the work varies, you would have to have grades for electricians domestic/commercial/industrial similar to Canada. Would this be cost prohibitive in which cause you could end up with massive skills shortages, even electricians travelling out of Scotland to carry out work. What about companies based in England who work in Scotland will they need to have different brands for Scotland? Guess we also have the issue of grandfather rights, where people where classed as electricians who didn't serve an apprenticeship. Also does this stop an electricians mate from carrying out work, or a third/forth year apprentice as they are not electricians but with correct training maybe able to undertake work. Lastly why can't the bill require to be governed by an independent body who oversee all schemes so they are regulated to, as possibly they are as much to blame for the state of our industry as anyone.

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of the establishment of a single register for electricians?

Partially opposed

Please give any views or comments on a single register and how it might be set up

Again if was fully independent Body in charge of industry I would Fully support

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:

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing protection of title for electricians?

We need to become professional, put safety at the heart of the whole thing, don't allow SELECT or NICEIC to dictate our industry as they are businesses and need to also be regulated. Do not think by making it a protected title you will end crap workmanship, make electricians take regular course updates and reduce training costs so employers will engage. Otherwise employers will not want to be a multi trade and electricians will lose their jobs.

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

I can't see this as anything other than a training schemes dream, costs for registration, costs for regrading, cost for retraining, Businesses will have to pass costs onto employees and their clients, also if you restrict market you will have to pay more for labour as a company can currently employ someone with Technical knowledge @£12/hr or an electrician @£16/hr. Business says you would take the lower rate as is better value for money, check Facilities management companies recruitment pages to see that's what they are doing.

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

Electrical industry has to be regulated irrespective of cost, it needs an independent body to over see Niceic and Select and any other schemes, Any money out landed by the government will be made back with job creation, we will need more lectures to teach electricians, more cleaners because of Covid issue, more staff to operate the schemes and more staff for the new body set up to regulate the industry.

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?

Slightly negative

Please explain the reasons for your response.

The Industry is male, the guy putting the bill through is male, Anyone can make a good electrician as long

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as they apply themselves, as our industry develops it will open into a more split field which isn't a bad thing women are more cautious and have more regard for safety so with time this will filter into being an electrician. All you have to do is look at lack of safe isolation for prove of this statement.

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

Set up an independent body to oversee scheme providers, don't allow companies to make obscene amounts from providing training, if more people engage with grade cards the costs will reduce, pass this onto the company who employs the electricians, This Bill may mean that some people aren't able to access an electrician due to it being cost prohibitive. Silmar to a food bank some contractors maybe able to register to help out in this situation.

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?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response.

The bill in its current form, will only cause harm to its industry and members of the public

General

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

Set up an independent body to regulate the industry, make electricians undertake further training to raise standards, redo training so we aren't training individuals to a inferior level. Regulate employers who take on apprentice electricians to make sure they are capable of teaching them to a standard. Please do not think just calling someone an electrician means they are competent to carry out any works. Upgrade the standard of all training, make electricians undertake a similar training route as other professionals.