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I, MARY HARNEY, Minister for Health and Children, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 53 of the Nurses Act 1985 (No. 18 of 1985), hereby order as follows:

Citation.
1. This Order may be cited as the Health (An Bord Altranais) (Additional Functions) Order 2010.

Interpretation.
2. In this Order—
   
   “advanced midwife practitioner” means a person for the time being registered in the division of the register on which are registered the names and particulars of advanced midwife practitioners;
   
   “advanced nurse practitioner” means a person for the time being registered in the division of the register on which are registered the names and particulars of advanced nurse practitioners;
   
   “advanced midwife practitioner post” means a post accredited by the Board as being an advanced midwife practitioner post;
   
   “advanced nurse practitioner post” means a post accredited by the Board as being an advanced nurse practitioner post;
   
   “National Council” means the National Council for the Professional Development of Nursing and Midwifery.

Assignment to the Board of additional functions.
3. The following additional functions are assigned to the Board—
   
   (1) to determine, in accordance with criteria set by the National Council,—
      
      (a) applications for the accreditation of posts as advanced nurse practitioner posts,
      
      (b) applications for the accreditation of posts as advanced midwife practitioner posts,
      
      (c) applications for the registration of nurses as advanced nurse practitioners,

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(d) applications for the registration of midwives as advanced midwife practitioners,

(2) (a) to accredit, as an advanced nurse practitioner post, a post which has been determined to meet the criteria referred to in paragraph (1),

(b) to accredit, as an advanced midwife practitioner post, a post which has been determined to meet the criteria referred to in paragraph (1),

(c) to register, as respects a specified advanced nurse practitioner post, in the advanced nurse practitioner division of the register, any nurse—

(i) who has been determined to meet the criteria referred to in paragraph (1), and

(ii) who has received an offer of employment in respect of the advanced nurse practitioner post concerned,

(d) to register, as respects a specified advanced midwife practitioner post, in the advanced midwife practitioner division of the register, any midwife—

(i) who has been determined to meet the criteria referred to in paragraph (1), and

(ii) who has received an offer of employment in respect of the advanced midwife practitioner post concerned,

(3) to remove, from the advanced nurse practitioner division of the register, the name and particulars of a person whose name and particulars are registered on the advanced nurse practitioner division of the register—

(a) where that person no longer complies with the criteria referred to in paragraph (1), or

(b) upon the cessation of that person’s employment in the advanced nurse practitioner post concerned,

(4) to remove, from the advanced midwife practitioner division of the register, the name and particulars of a person whose name and particulars are registered on the advanced midwife practitioner division of the register—

(a) where that person no longer complies with the criteria referred to in paragraph (1), or

(b) upon the cessation of that person’s employment in the advanced midwife practitioner post concerned,

(5) to remove accreditation from any advanced nurse practitioner post which no longer meets the criteria referred to in paragraph (1),
(6) to remove accreditation from any advanced midwife practitioner post which no longer meets the criteria referred to in paragraph (1).

4. Notwithstanding Article 3—

(1) a person referred to in Article 3(2)(c) shall not be entitled to registration of his or her name in the advanced nurse practitioner division of the register unless he or she takes up duty in the post concerned,

(2) a person referred to in Article 3(2)(d) shall not be entitled to registration of his or her name in the advanced midwife practitioner division of the register unless he or she takes up duty in the post concerned.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
11 January 2010.

MARY HARNEY,
Minister for Health and Children.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

The effect of this Order is to give An Bord Altranais additional functions in relation to the accreditation of advanced nurse practitioner posts and advanced midwife practitioner posts and the registration of advanced nurse practitioners and advanced midwife practitioners in accordance with criteria set by the National Council for the Professional Development of Nursing and Midwifery.