THE MATCH
NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM®

HOW A SOAP ROUND WORKS*

Program has two unfilled positions.

→ Offers extended to program's top two applicants on the preference list at the start of the SOAP round.

→ Both offers tracked real-time in the R3 system.

Positions accepted?

Yes

No

Yes and No

Yes: Program has binding commitments with two applicants. Participation in SOAP is complete.

No: Program's positions will be offered to the next two available applicants on the program's preference list **at the beginning of the next SOAP round**. Preference list **MUST** be re-certified prior to the start of the next round if changes have been made.

Yes and No: Program has binding commitment with one applicant. Program's remaining unfilled position will be offered to next available applicant on the program's preference list **at the beginning of the next SOAP round**. Preference list **MUST** be re-certified prior to the start of the next round if changes have been made.
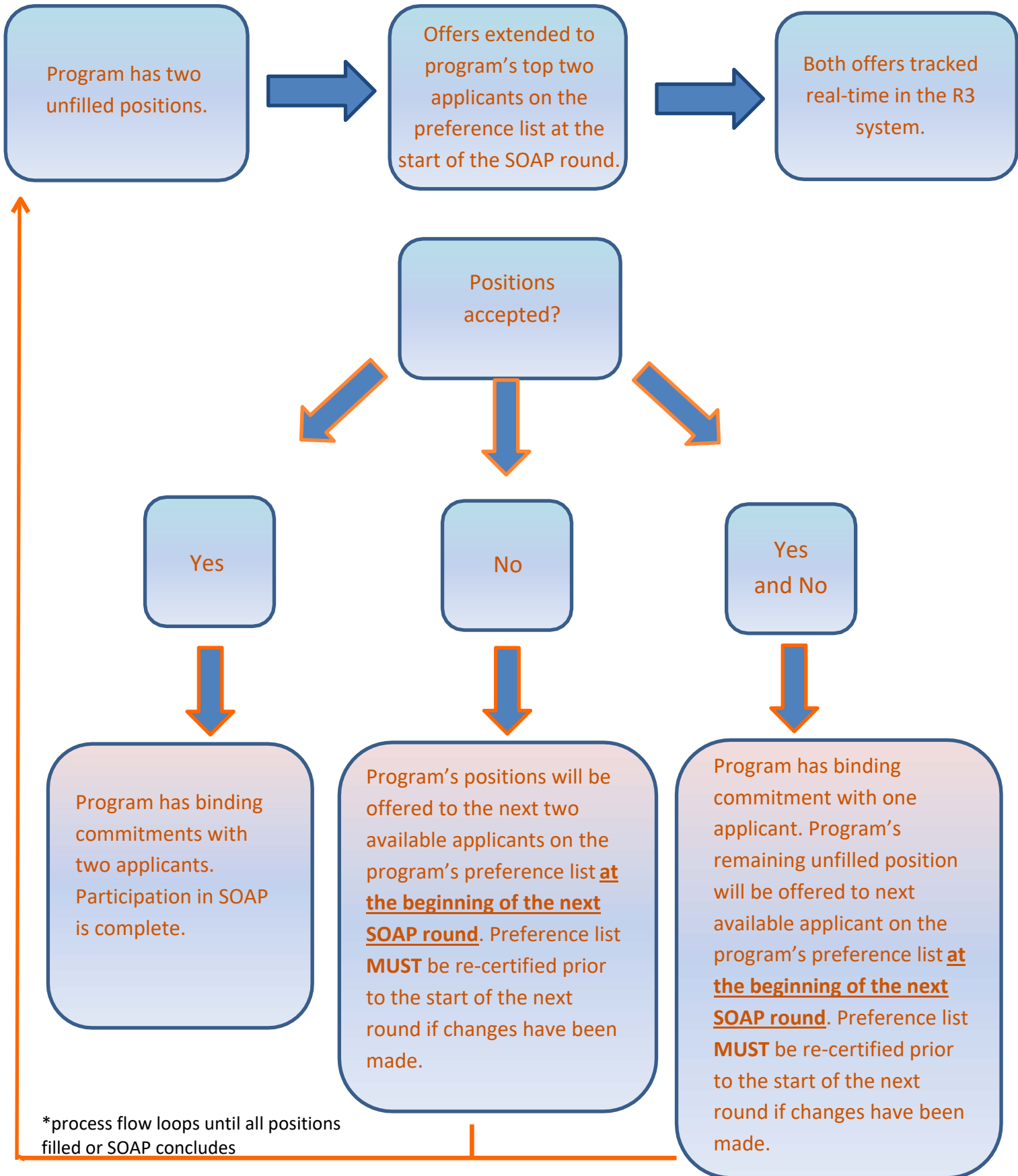
*process flow loops until all positions filled or SOAP concludes