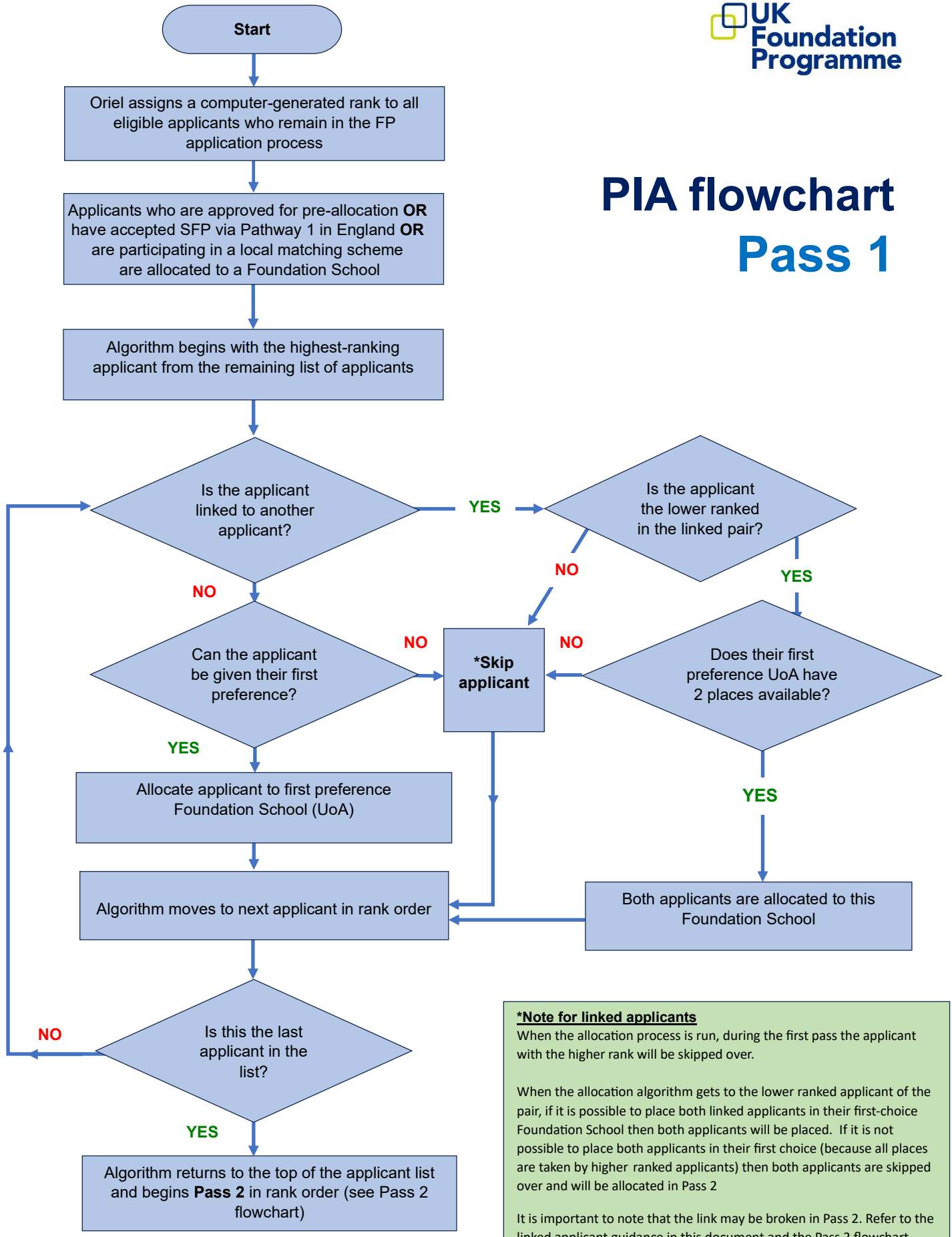
PIA flowchart
Pass 1



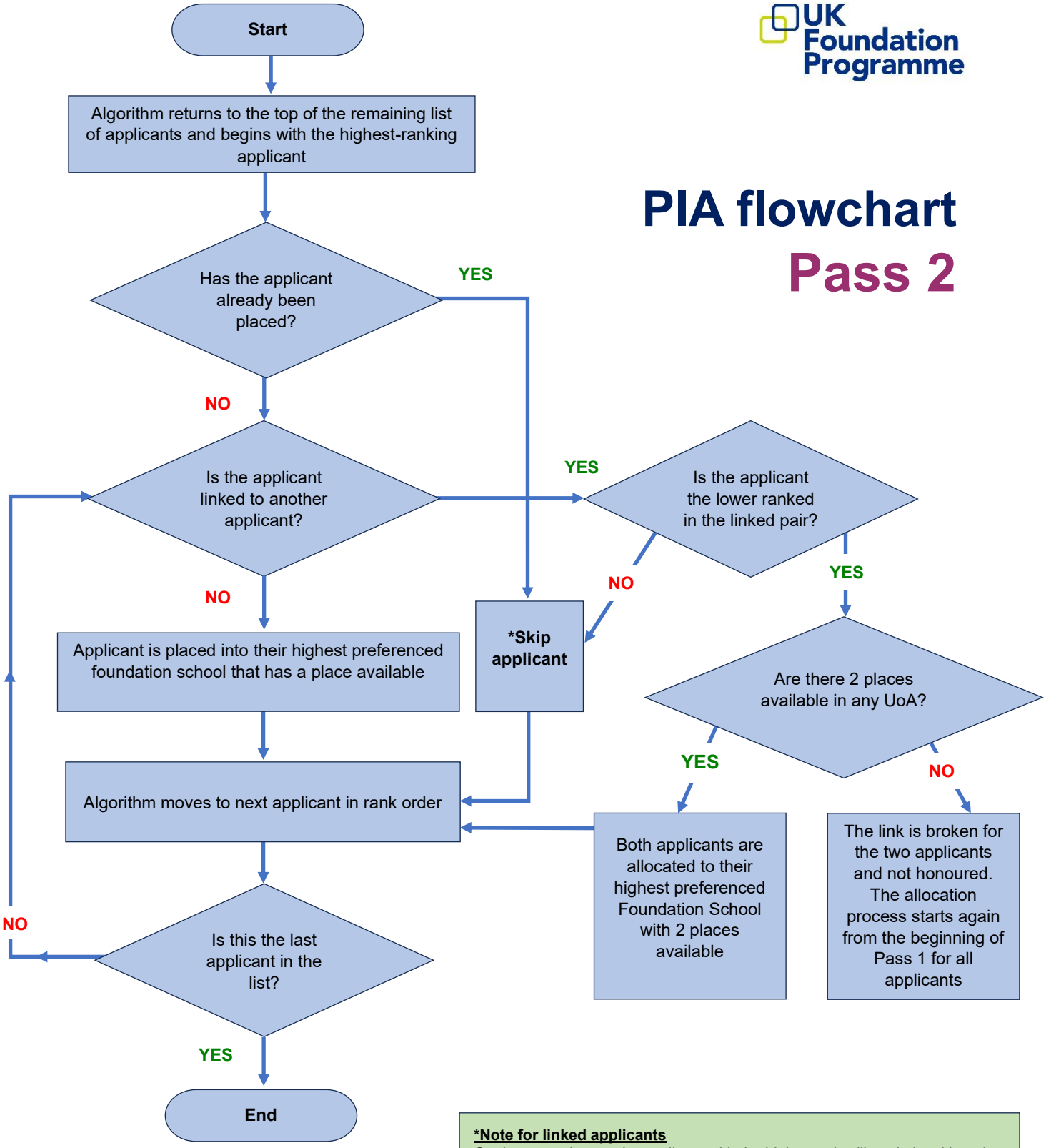
***Note for linked applicants**

When the allocation process is run, during the first pass the applicant with the higher rank will be skipped over.

When the allocation algorithm gets to the lower ranked applicant of the pair, if it is possible to place both linked applicants in their first-choice Foundation School then both applicants will be placed. If it is not possible to place both applicants in their first choice (because all places are taken by higher ranked applicants) then both applicants are skipped over and will be allocated in Pass 2

It is important to note that the link may be broken in Pass 2. Refer to the linked applicant guidance in this document and the Pass 2 flowchart.

PIA flowchart
Pass 2



<u>*Note for linked applicants</u>
On the second pass, the applicant with the higher rank will again be skipped over.

When the allocation algorithm gets to the lower ranked applicant of the pair it will attempt to allocate them a place in their highest preferenced Foundation School that has at least two places available.

If none of the Foundation Schools still have two places available, the link will be broken and the whole allocation process will begin again for all applicants. These two applications will then be processed as **<u>unlinked</u>** applications.