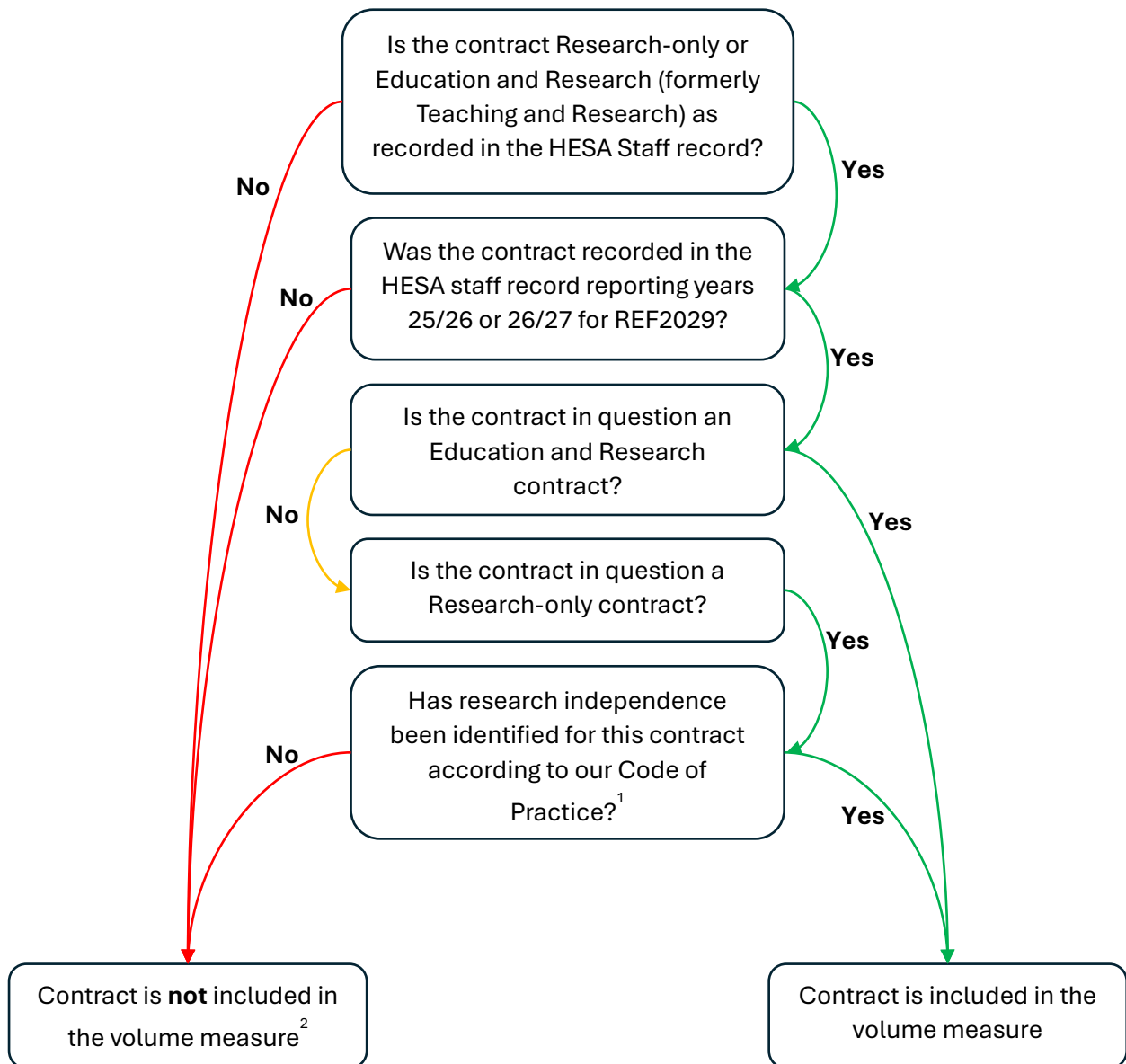


## Identifying if a contract is included in a UoA's volume measure



<sup>1</sup>Research independence is determined for different grades as per the following:

- Research-only contracts on Grade 9 and above are research independent, and so will be included in the volume measure
- Research-only contracts on Grade 7 and 8 will be individually assessed by ADRI to determine if they are research independent
- Research-only contracts on Grades 6 and below are not research independent, and so will not be included in the volume measure

<sup>2</sup>An academic's outputs may still be eligible for REF submission, even if their contract is not included in the volume measure. Please see the Substantive Link flowchart for more information.