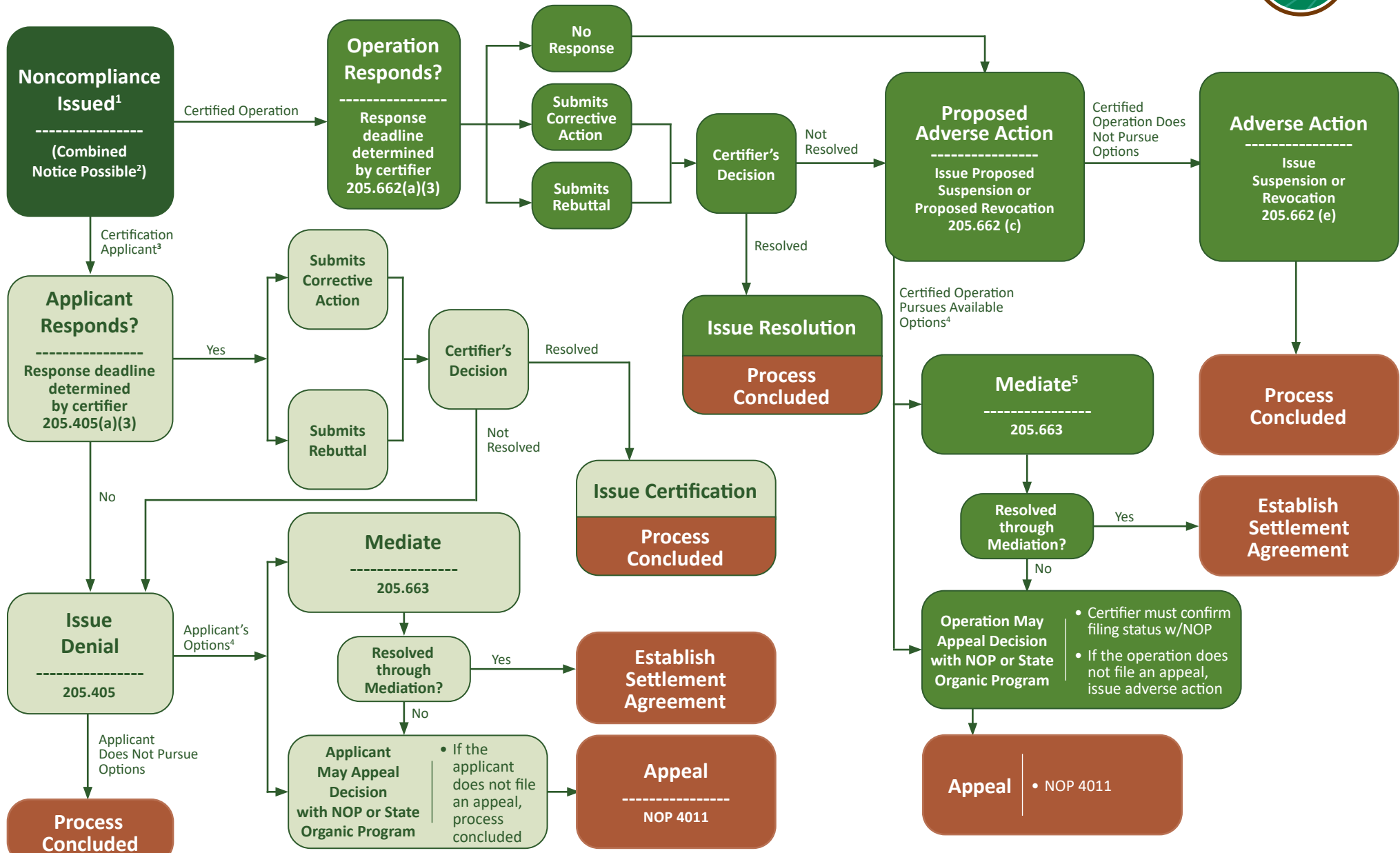




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- Note 1.** A certified operation may surrender its certification at any time. When certification is surrendered prior to a certifier issuing a proposed adverse action, the certifier accepts the surrender and the process is closed. If an operation surrenders its certification after the certifier issues a proposed adverse action, the certifier accepts the surrender and continues the process for adverse action.
- Note 2.** For information on combined notices, see §205.662(c) and §205.405(g).
- Note 3.** The noncompliance/adverse action process for reinstatement applicants is different than for other certification applicants (see NOP 2605).
- Note 4.** Certifiers have the option to accept or reject a request for mediation (§ 205.663(b)(2)).
- Note 5.** Certifiers are required to continue providing certification services during the mediation and appeal processes.

Denied applicant can reapply for certification at any time.

Applicant May Appeal Decision with NOP or State Organic Program

- If the applicant does not file an appeal, process concluded

Operation May Appeal Decision with NOP or State Organic Program

- Certifier must confirm filing status w/NOP
- If the operation does not file an appeal, issue adverse action

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