

South Carolina Department of Education

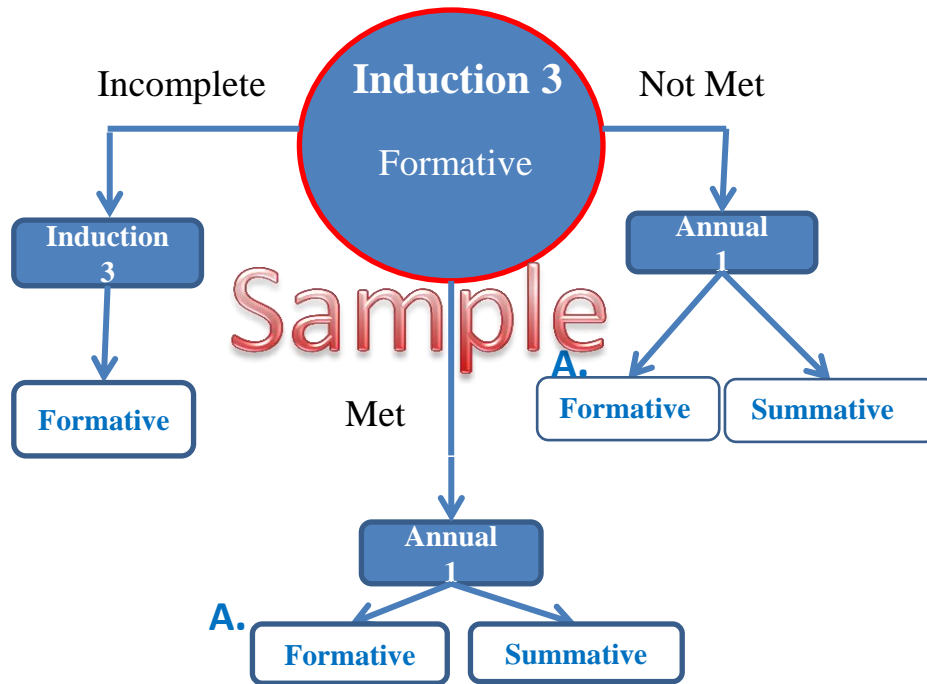
Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development



ADEPT Contract Levels and Evaluations

2018

How to Use the Contract Levels Guide



A,B,C Letters next to evaluation boxes correspond with a letter and description on the page to help guide you. For example on this page, A. Corresponds with a note for contract level Annual 1 and an evaluation choice of Formative. (see below)



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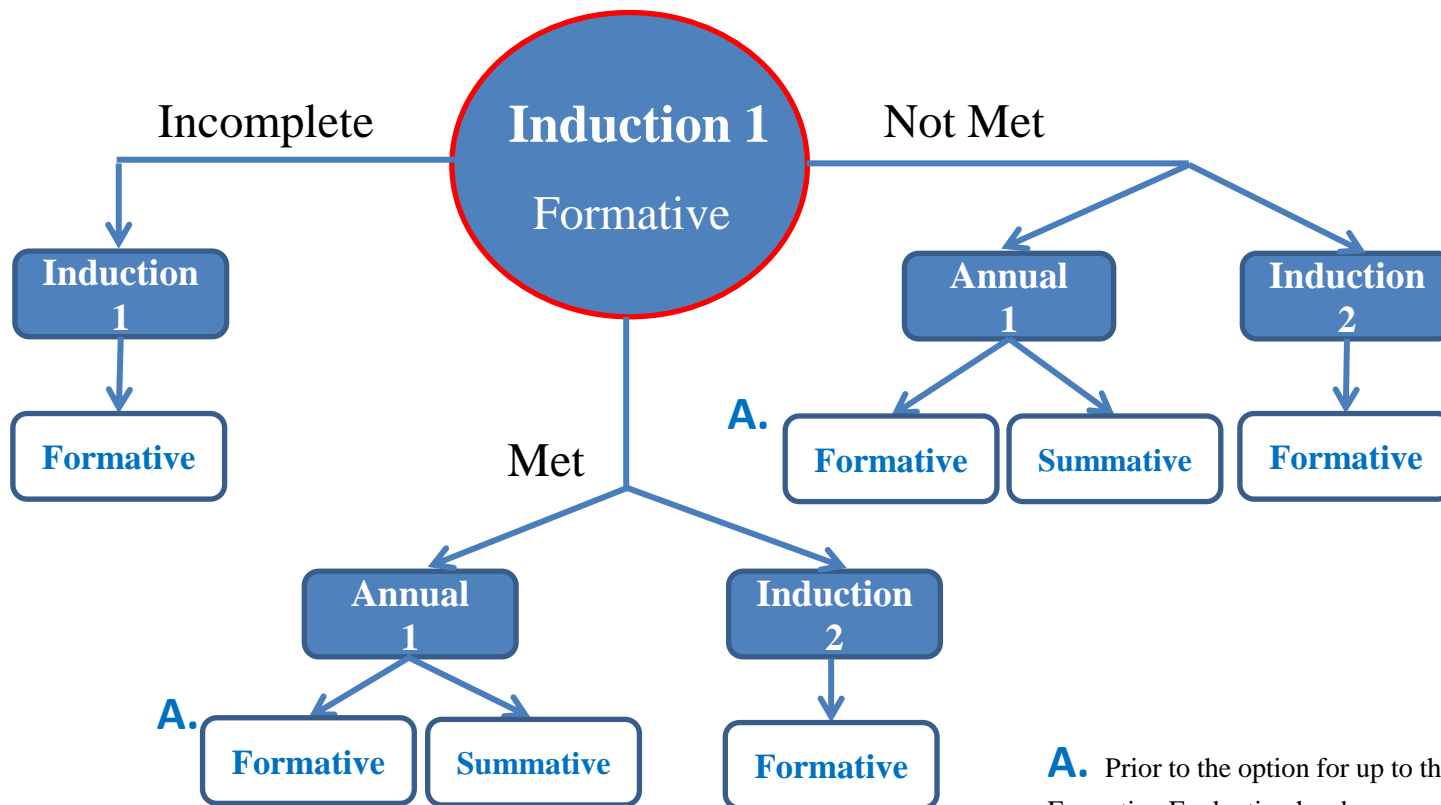


The blue circle with the red ring includes the Contract type: Induction (1,2,3,) Annual (1,2,3,4), or Continuing. Below the contract level, the Evaluation TYPE is listed (Formative, Summative, GBE).

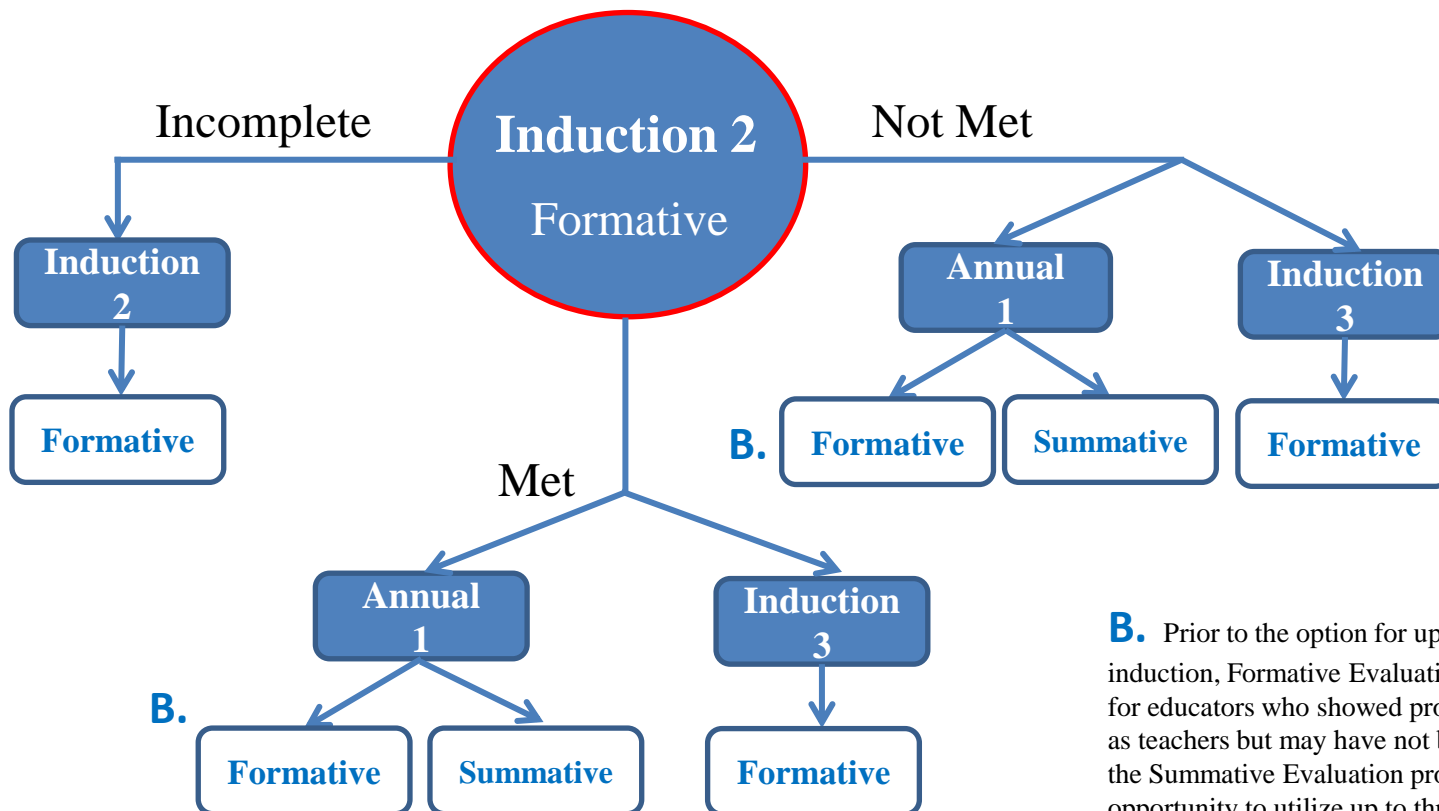
Next, you will choose whether the educator was Met, Not Met, or incomplete

Based on the evaluation result selected, you will be guided to choose a contract level for the next year. These choices are in the boxes filled in blue.

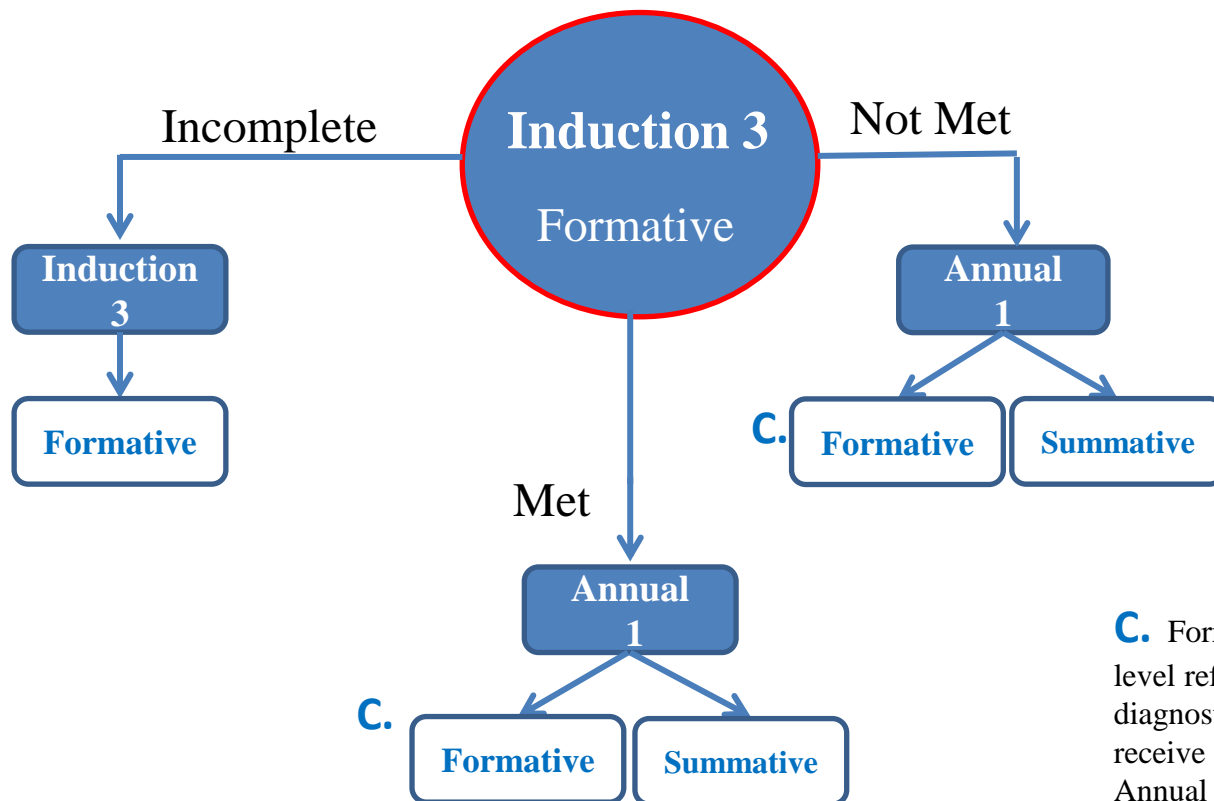
After choosing a contract level, you will follow the flowchart to choose an evaluation level, which is the white box with blue border. Use the descriptions provided with the letters (A,B,C,etc.) as guidance. Call the Office of Educator Evaluation with questions.



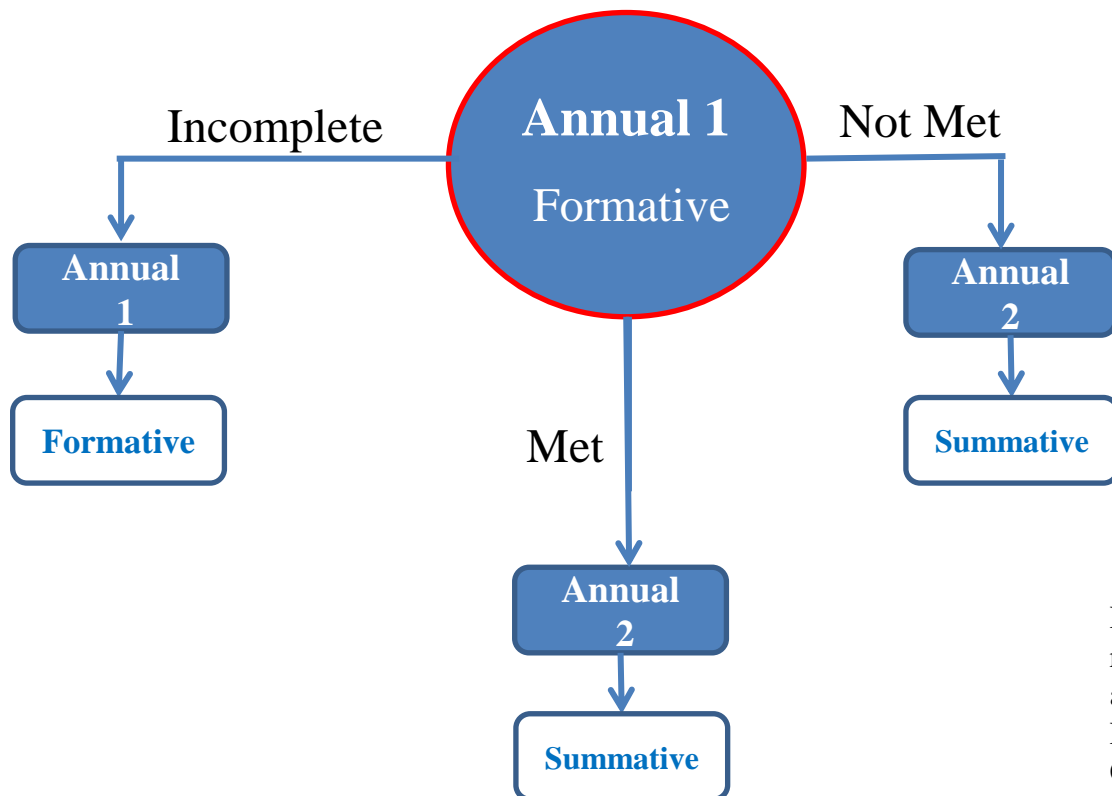
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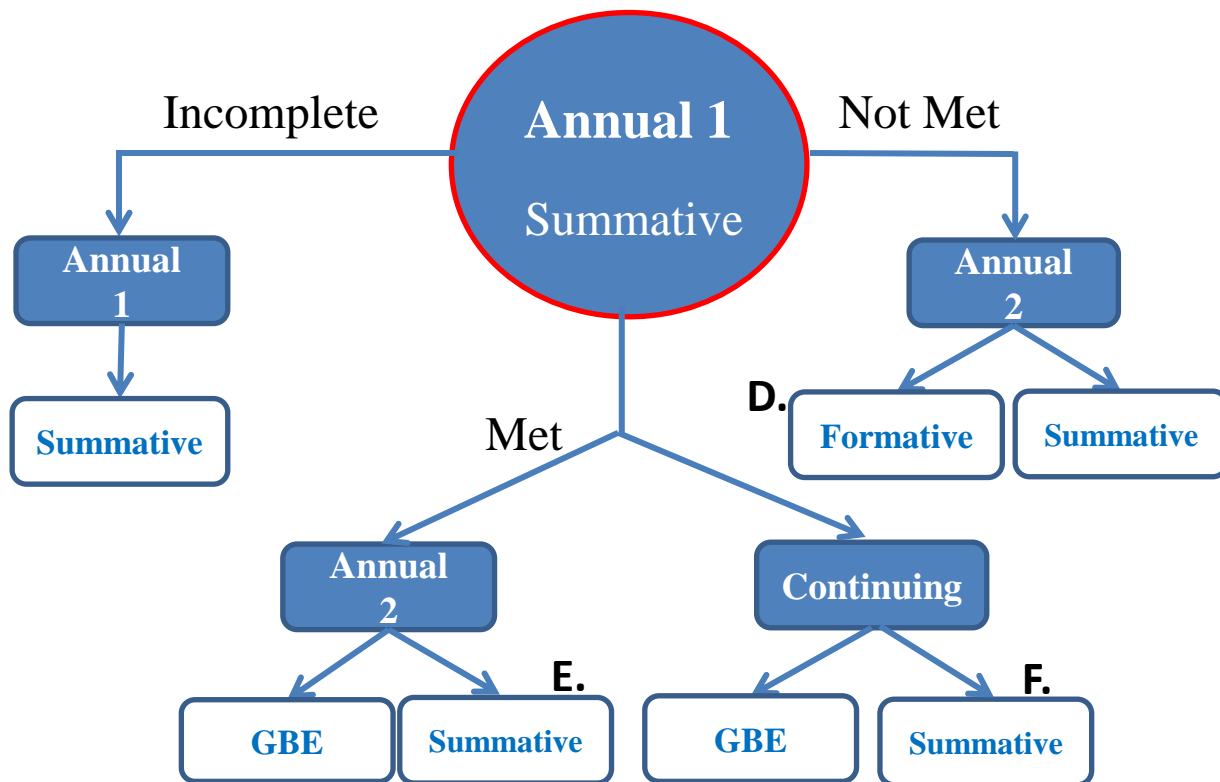
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C. Formative Evaluation at the Annual 1 level refers to what has been known as diagnostic assistance. An educator may only receive Formative Evaluation **once** at the Annual Contract level; either during the teacher's first annual contract year or during the annual contract year following the teacher's first unsuccessful formal evaluation.



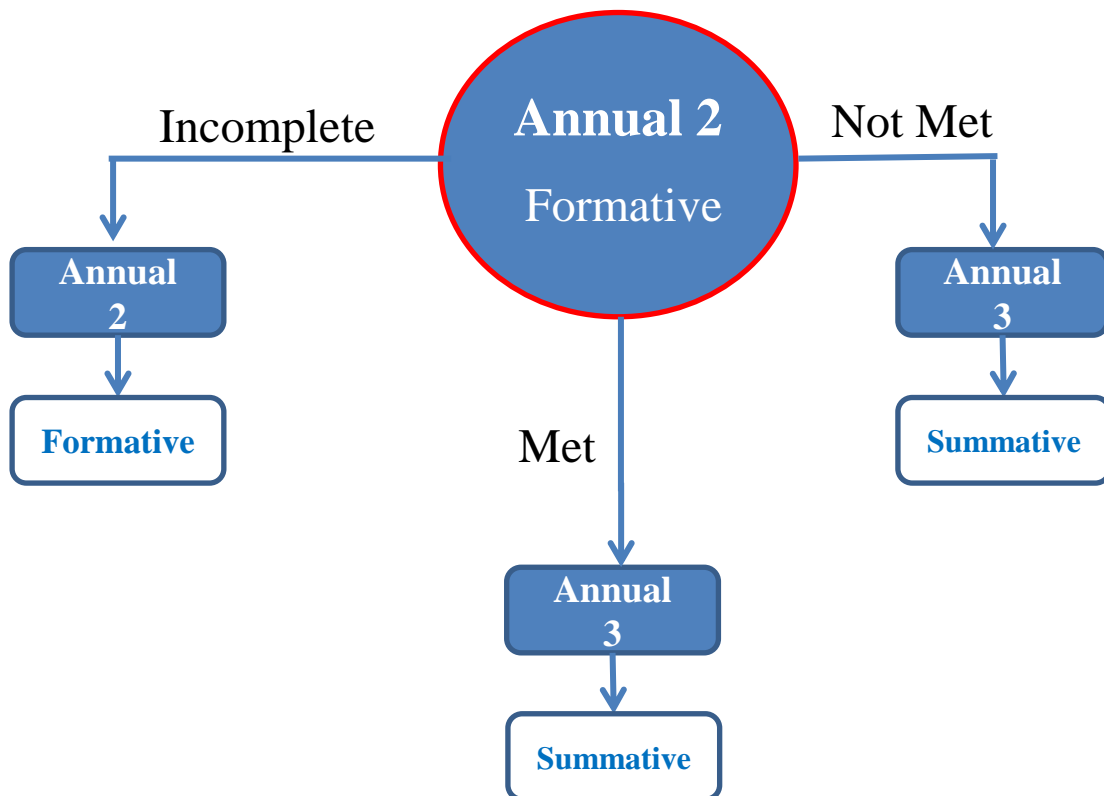
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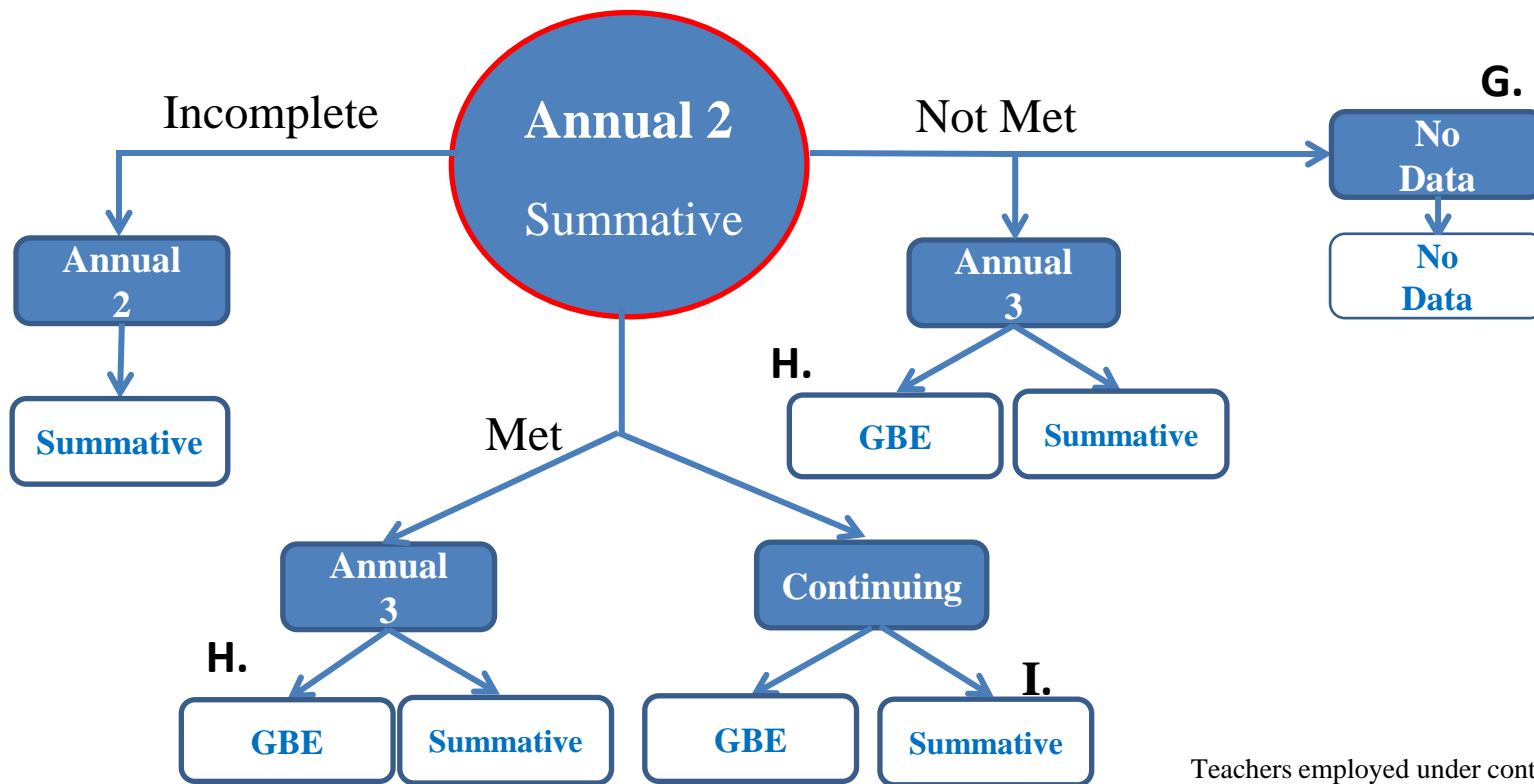
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E. An annual-contract teacher **who has met the formal evaluation criteria set by the State Board of Education** and the requirements set by the local board of trustees but who has not yet satisfied all requirements established by the State Board of Education for the professional teaching certificate is **eligible for employment under a subsequent annual contract, with evaluation being either formal or informal** (i.e., goals-based), at the discretion of the local school district..

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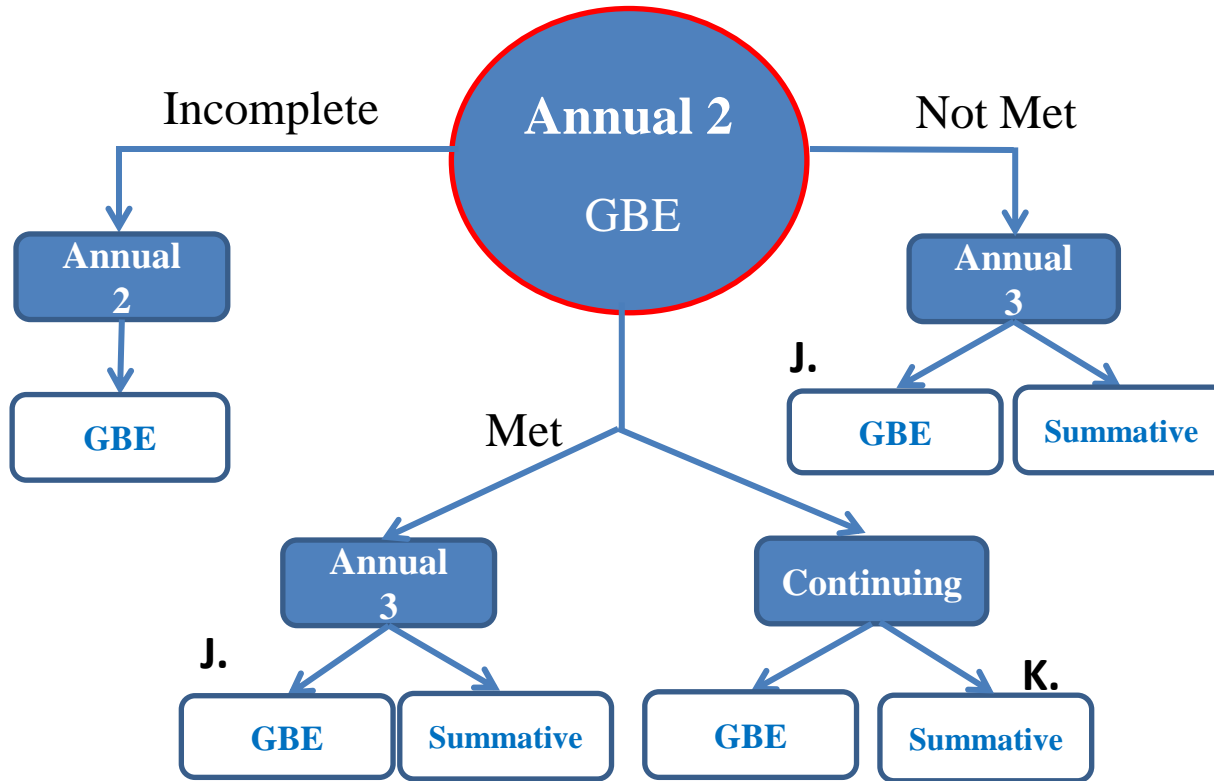
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G. An annual-contract teacher, who for the *second time* fails to meet the **formal evaluation criteria** set by the State Board of Education, will have his or her teaching certificate automatically suspended by the State Board of Education, as prescribed in Section 59-5-60 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Subsequent to this action, the teacher will be ineligible to be employed as a classroom teacher in a public school in this state for a minimum of two years.

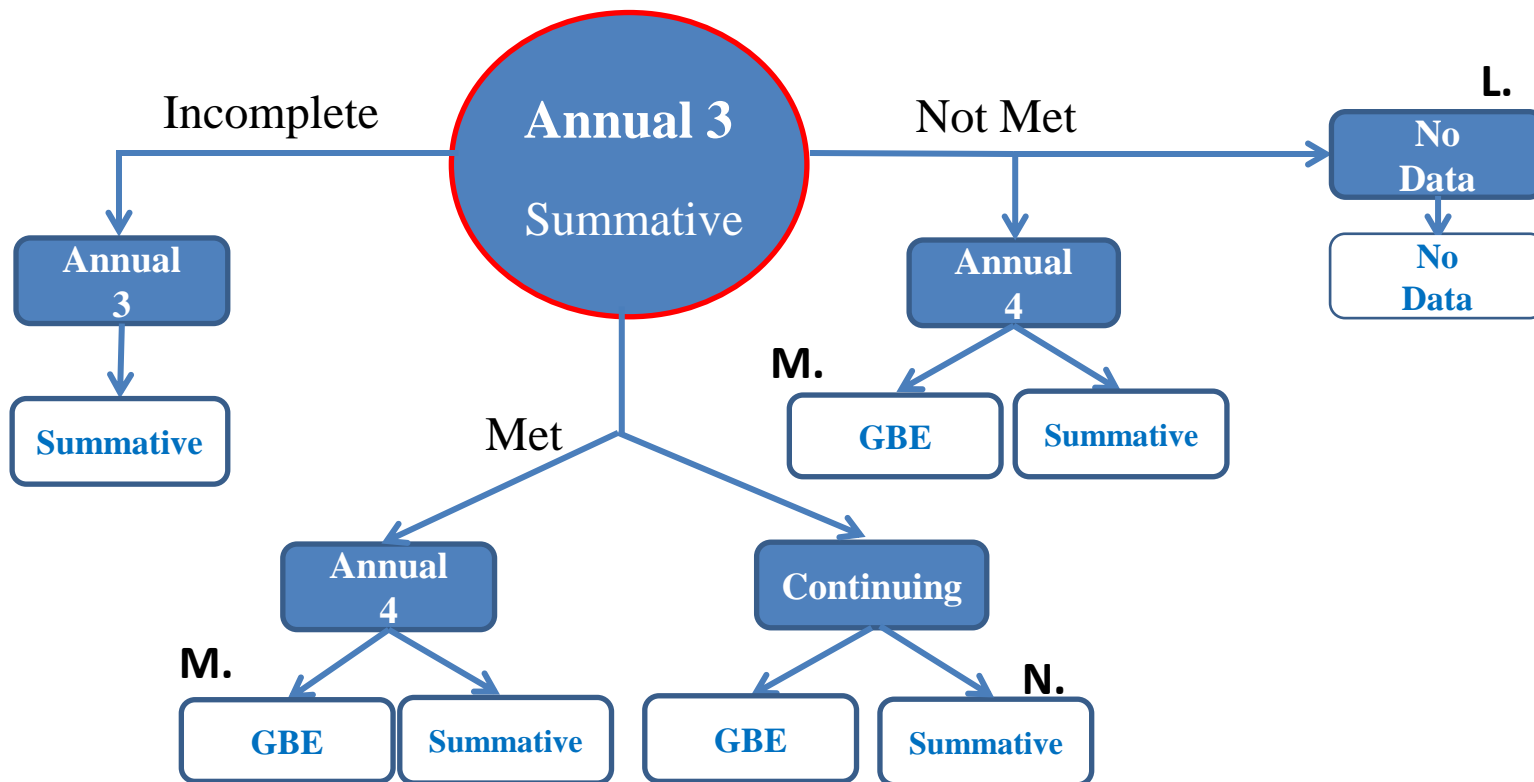
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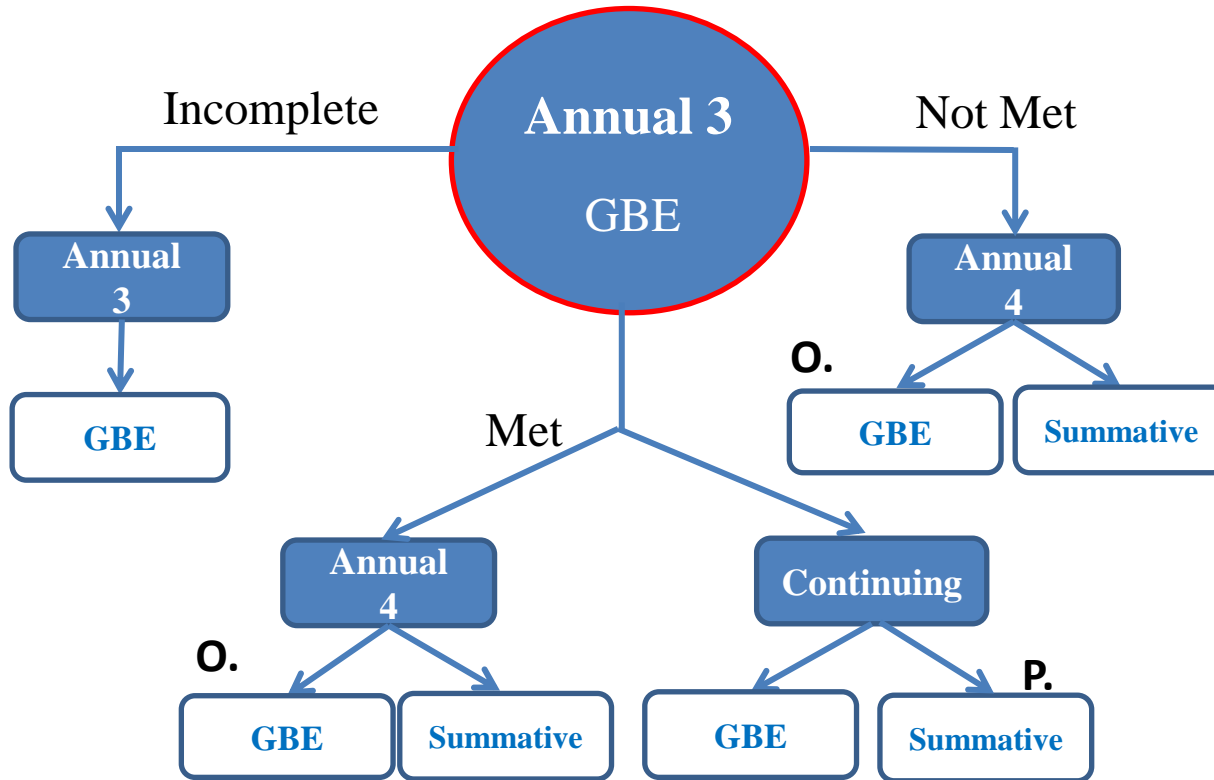
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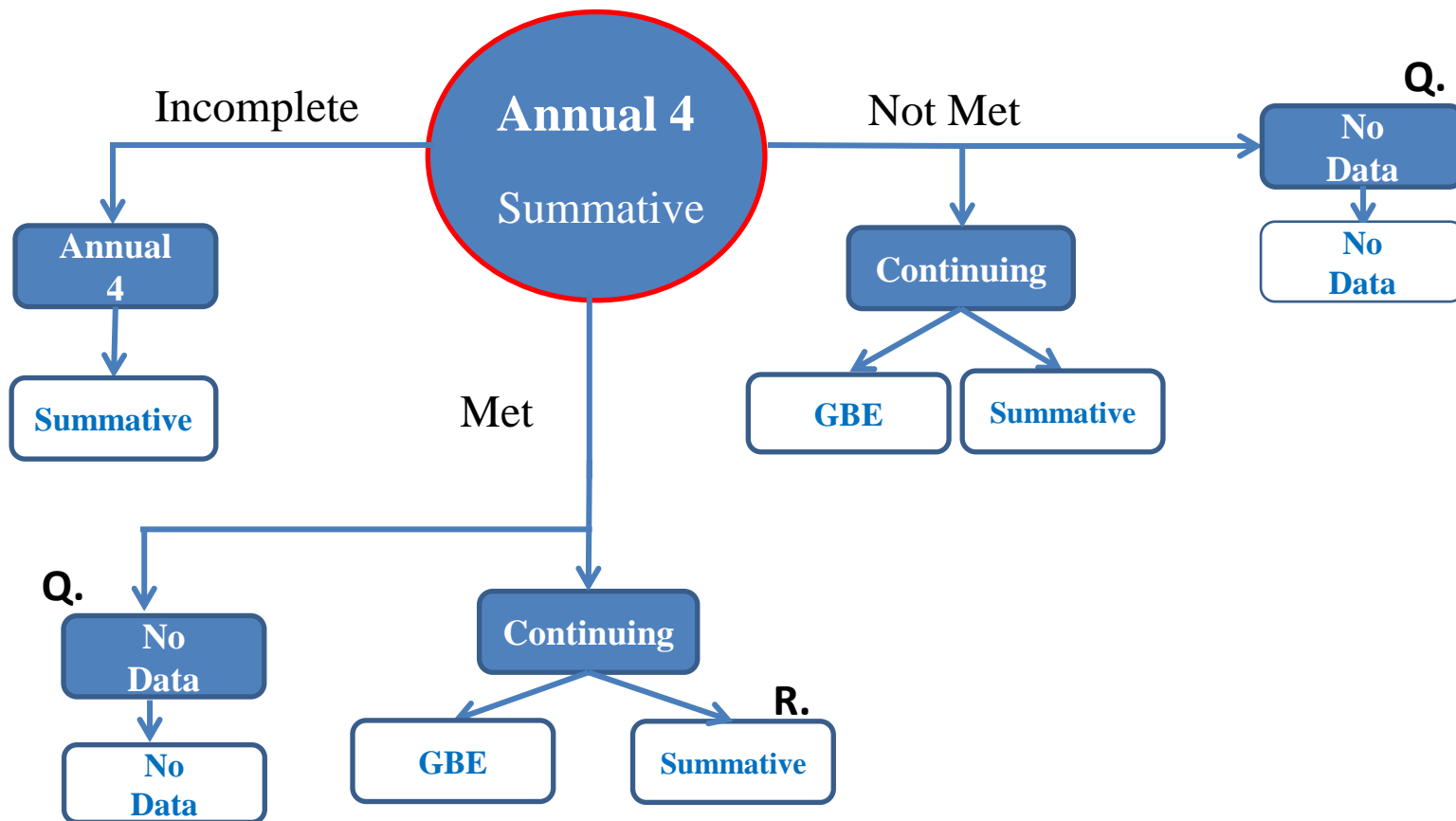
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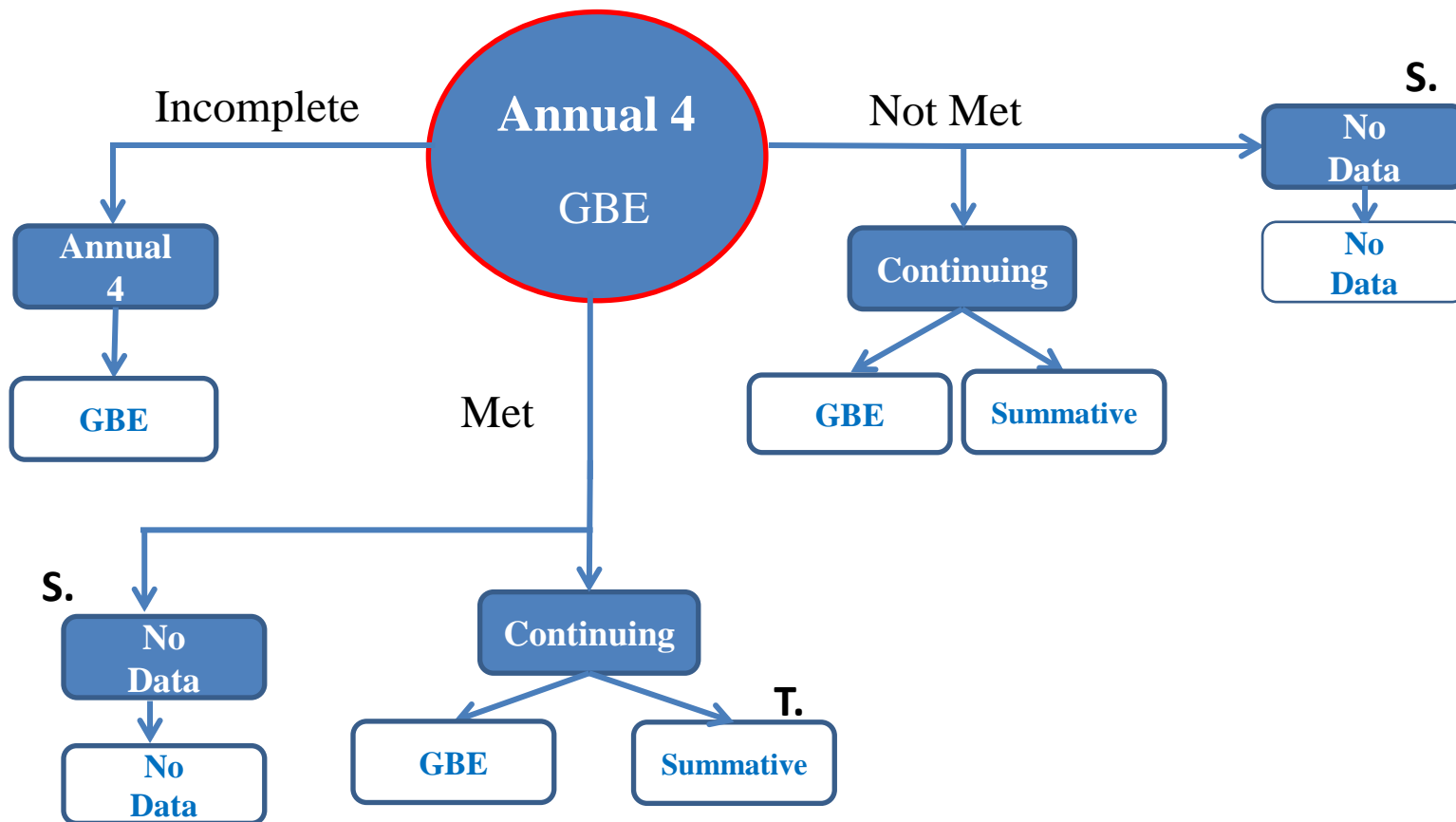
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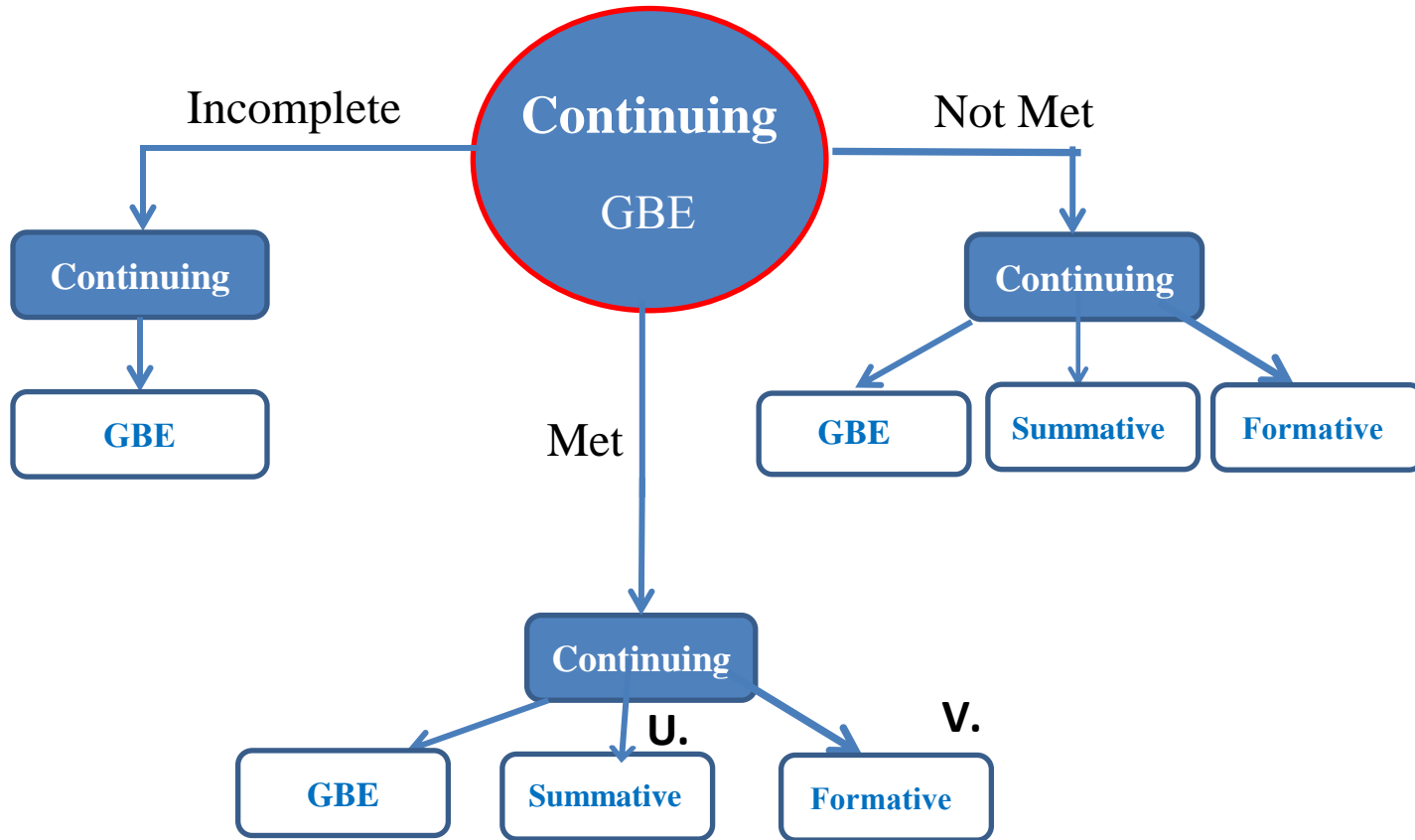
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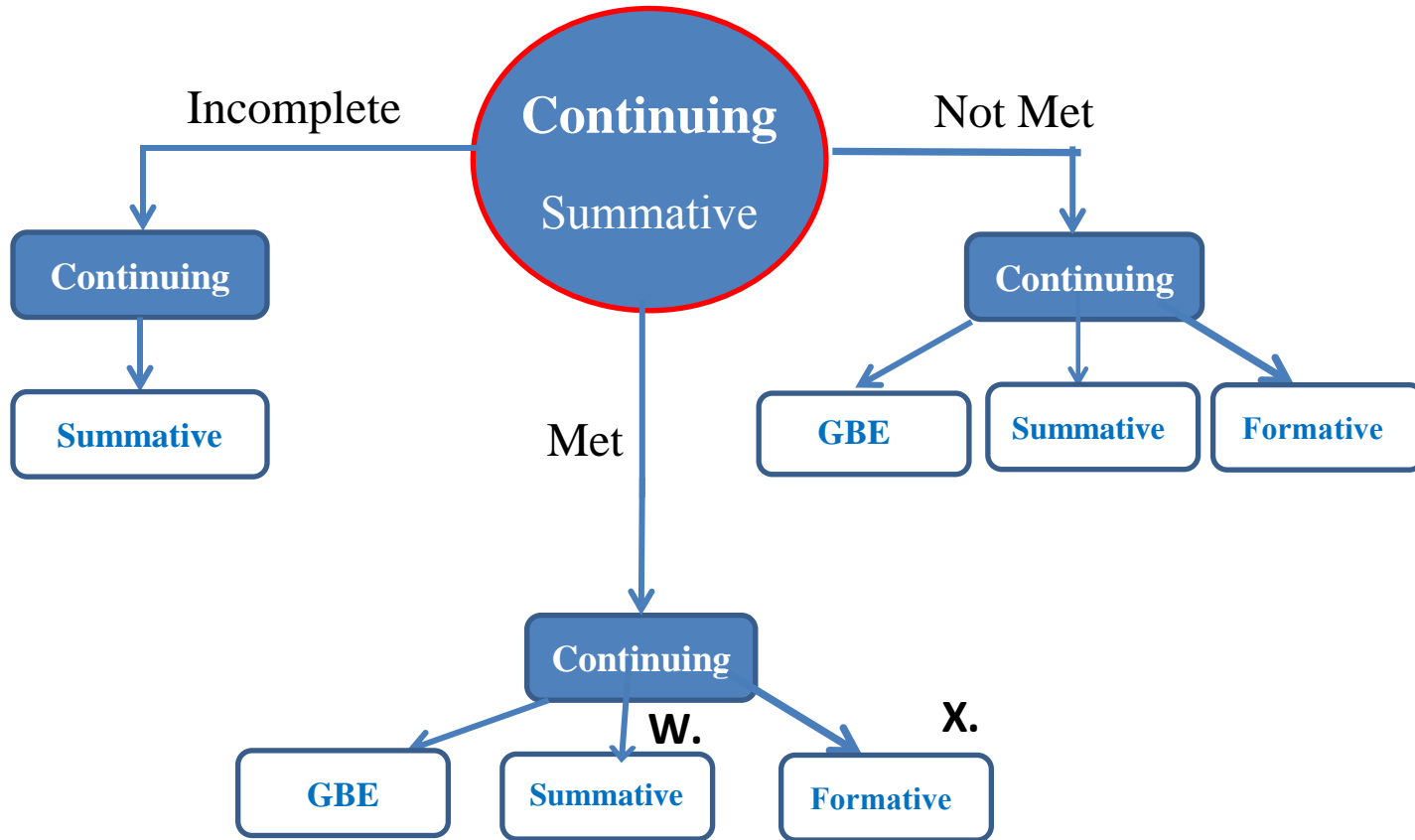
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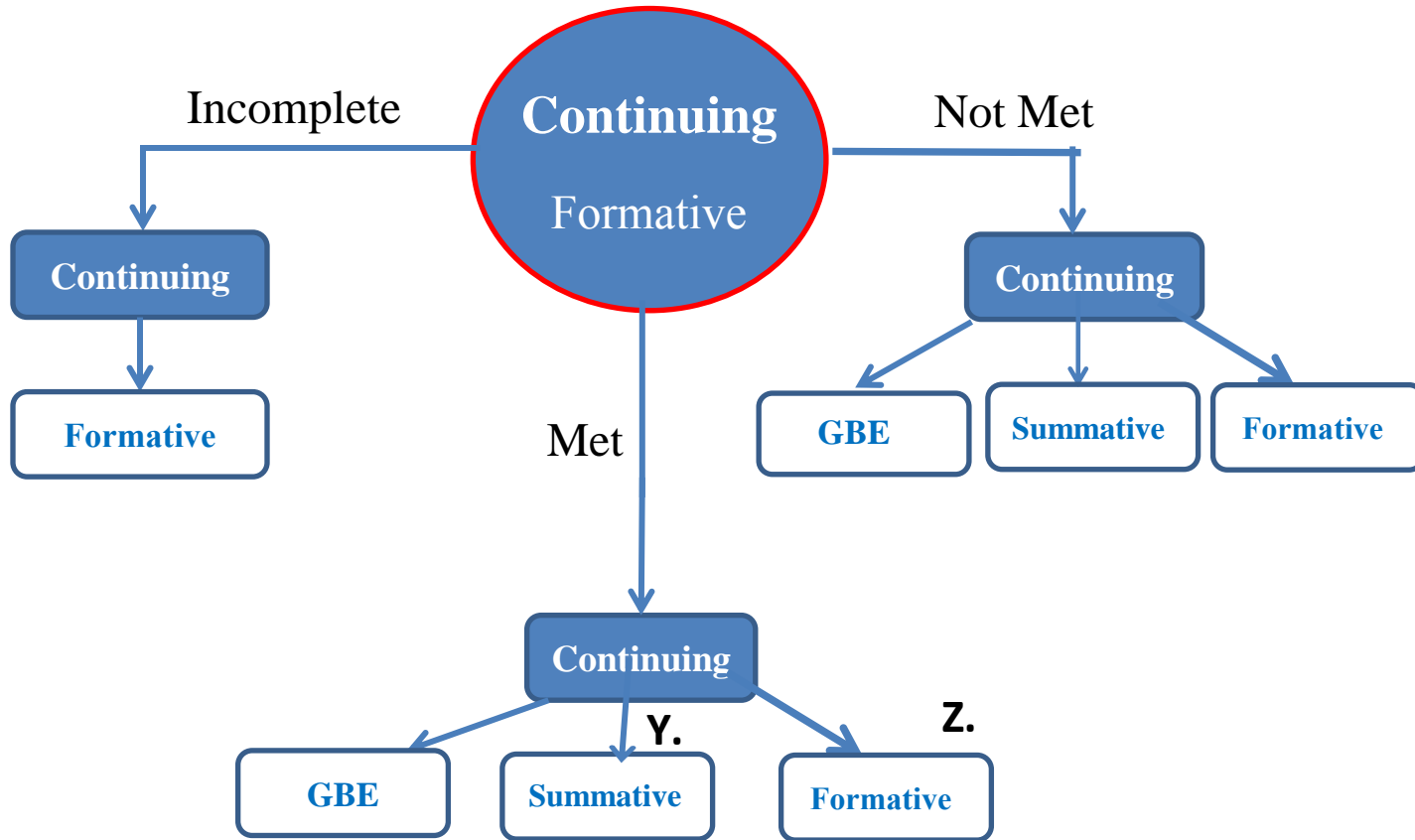
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