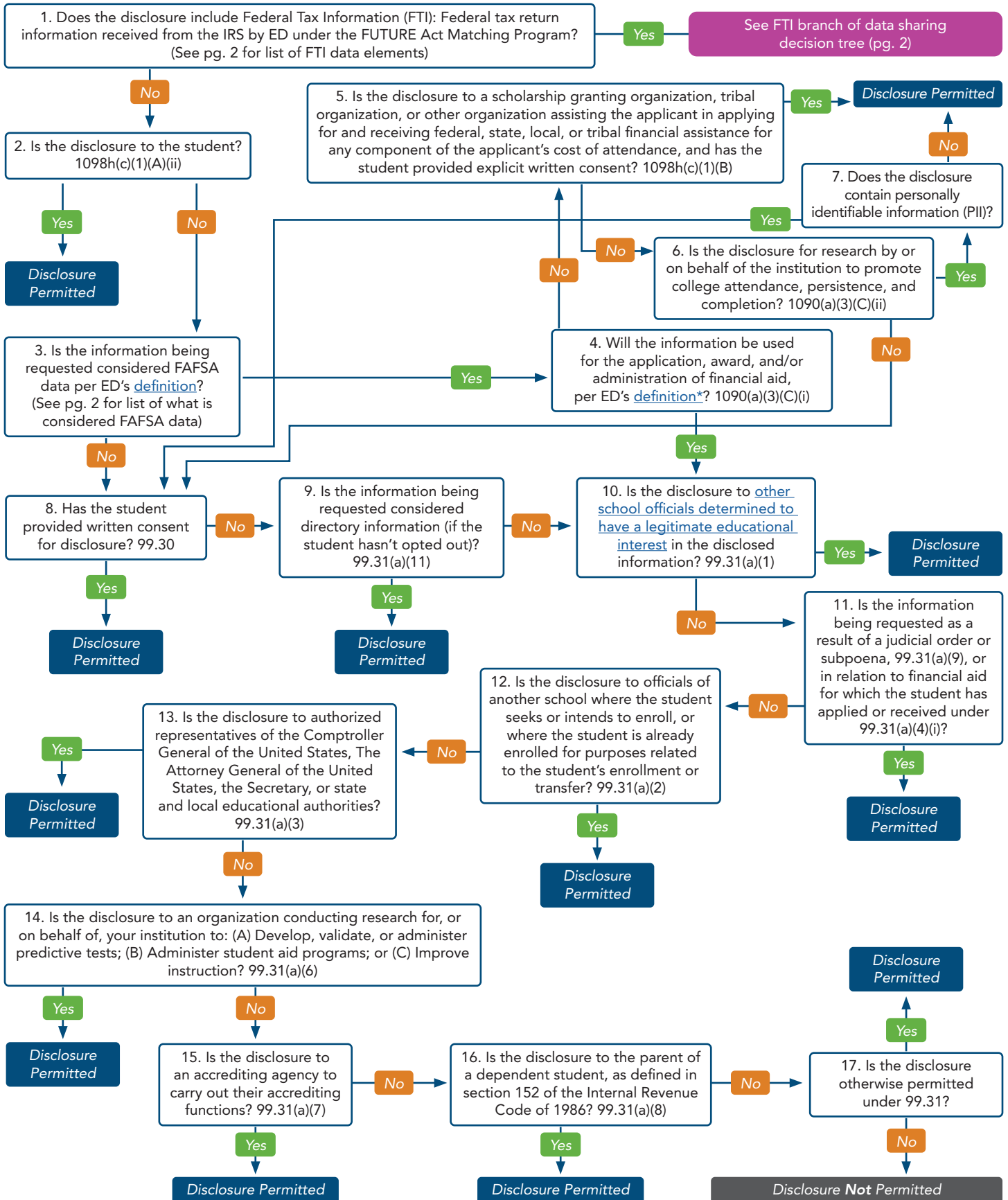


NASFAA Data Sharing Decision Tree for Postsecondary Institutions

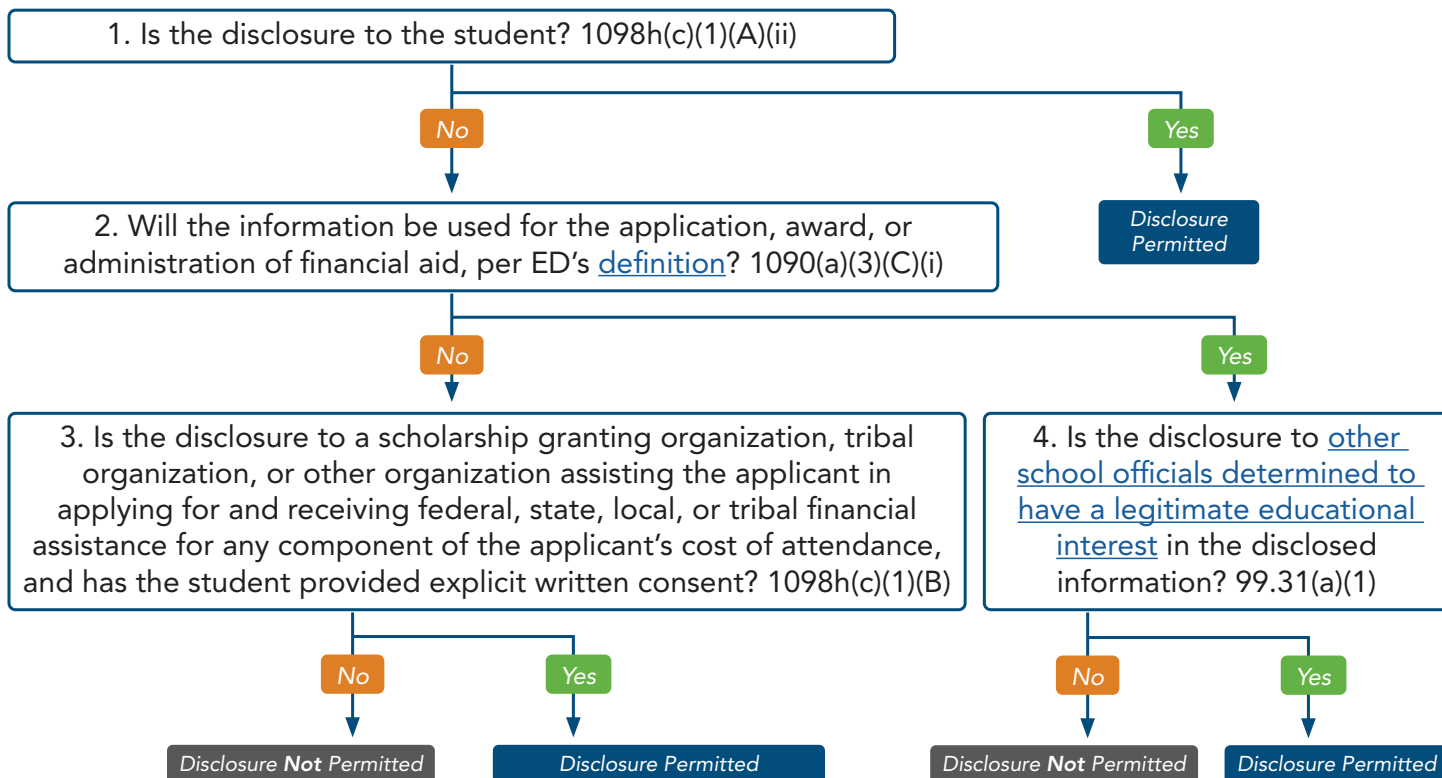


*Note that ED also considers conducting outreach to students about means-tested benefits as part of the application, award, and administration of financial aid ([GEN-24-93](#))

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Data Sharing Decision Tree

Federal Tax Information (FTI) Branch



FAFSA data includes:

- Information obtained directly from the applicant or contributor on the FAFSA such as:
 - Personal circumstances
 - Dependency status
 - Federal benefits receipt
 - Assets
 - Manually entered tax data
 - Whether FAFSA was filed (Y/N)
 - Demographic information
 - Student eligibility information
- Information on the FAFSA that ED derives from FAFSA data and FTI, including:
 - Pell Grant eligibility status (Y/N)
 - SAI
 - Verification status
 - Total income
 - Adjusted available income
 - Discretionary net worth

ED does NOT consider the following to be FAFSA data:

- Total aid awarded
- Grant aid and/or loan receipt and amount by source
- Unmet financial need
- Loan disbursement records
- Student admission records and
- Other financial aid data

FTI includes:

- Tax year
- Tax filing status, including whether a return was or was not filed
- AGI
- Number of exemptions & dependents
- Income earned from work
- Taxes paid
- Education tax credits
- Untaxed IRA distributions
- IRA deductions and payments
- Untaxed pension amounts
- Tax exempt interest
- Schedule C net profit/loss
- Indicators for schedules A, B, D, E, F, and H
- IRS response code
- Total Parent Allowances Against Income
- Parent Payroll Tax Allowance
- Parent Income Protection Allowance (IPA)
- Parent Employment Expense Allowance (PEEA)
- Parent Available Income (PAI)
- Parent Adjusted Available Income (PAAI)
- Parent Contribution (PC)
- Student Payroll Tax Allowance
- Student Income Protection Allowance (IPA)
- Student Allowance for Parents' Negative Adjusted Available Income
- Student Employment Expense Allowance (SEEA)
- Total Student Allowances Against Income
- Student Available Income (StAI)
- Student Contribution from Income (SCI)
- Student Adjusted Available Income (SAAI)
- Total Student Contribution from SAAI
- Student total income
- Parent total income
- FISAP total income

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