

Accession Process and Provisional Registration Process - Guidance Note

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1. The Importance of becoming a Participant under the Code

Capitalised terms in this guidance note have the meanings given to them in the current version of the Capacity Market Code (the ‘Code’), unless otherwise indicated.

As per paragraph E.4.1.1 (b) of the Code, an Application for Qualification (‘AfQ’) for a Candidate Unit (or a combination of units including that Candidate Unit) must be submitted to the System Operators **by a Participant** after the Qualification Application Opening Date but before the Qualification Application Closing Date (‘QACD’).

Applications for Qualification submitted by persons who are not Participants by the Qualification Application Closing Date cannot be considered by the System Operators. Similarly, any Applications for Qualification submitted after the Qualification Application Closing Date cannot be considered by the System Operators.

In line with the Code and relevant Agreed Procedures, this guidance note outlines some of the key steps associated with the:

1. **Accession Process:** This being the process by which an Applicant becomes a party to the Capacity Market Framework Agreement and, consequently, becomes bound by the Code; and
2. **provisional registration process:** In order for a Party to participate in any of the arrangements under the Code, it must have provisionally registered a Candidate Unit (unless already registered or deemed to have registered).

As outlined at sections B.5.1 and B.5.2 of the Code respectively, the Accession Process and the provisional registration process can take time to complete. The quality and completeness of submissions will affect this timeline. All persons looking to accede to the Capacity Market Code are **strongly encouraged** to begin both processes as early as possible.

All persons are solely responsible for reviewing the Code and the relevant Agreed Procedures in full and for ensuring that they are aware of all applicable timelines and obligations. This guidance note is provided for convenience only and does not purport to be exhaustive. It must be read in conjunction with the Code and the relevant Agreed Procedures. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, the Code (or the relevant Agreed Procedure) shall prevail.

2. Key Definitions

Capacity Market Framework Agreement

means the agreement (including any Accession Deed) under which a person becomes bound by this Code

Accession Deed

means the deed (in the form published by the System Operators) pursuant to which an Applicant becomes a party to the Capacity Market Framework Agreement and, consequently, becomes bound by this Code.

Applicant

means a person whose application to accede to this Code has been submitted and is being processed by the System Operators as provided for in section B.5.1.

Party

means any person who is a party to the Capacity Market Framework Agreement and is thereby bound by this Code, and shall include its successors and permitted assigns.

Participant

means a Party or business division of a Party which at the relevant time has been designated as, or deemed to be, the “Participant” in relation to any Candidate Unit that has been registered, has been deemed to be registered or has been provisionally registered in accordance with the Code or any Capacity Market Unit that has been Qualified to participate in a Capacity Auction.

3. Registration Information - Accession Process & Candidate Unit Provisional Registration

Below are three infographics outlining the:

- (i) Accession Process for persons who are not already acceded to the Code (Figure 1);
- (ii) provisional registration process where a new Party wants to register a New Candidate Unit (Figure 2); and
- (iii) provisional registration process where an existing Party wants to register a New Candidate Unit (Figure 3).

Figure 1: Accession Process

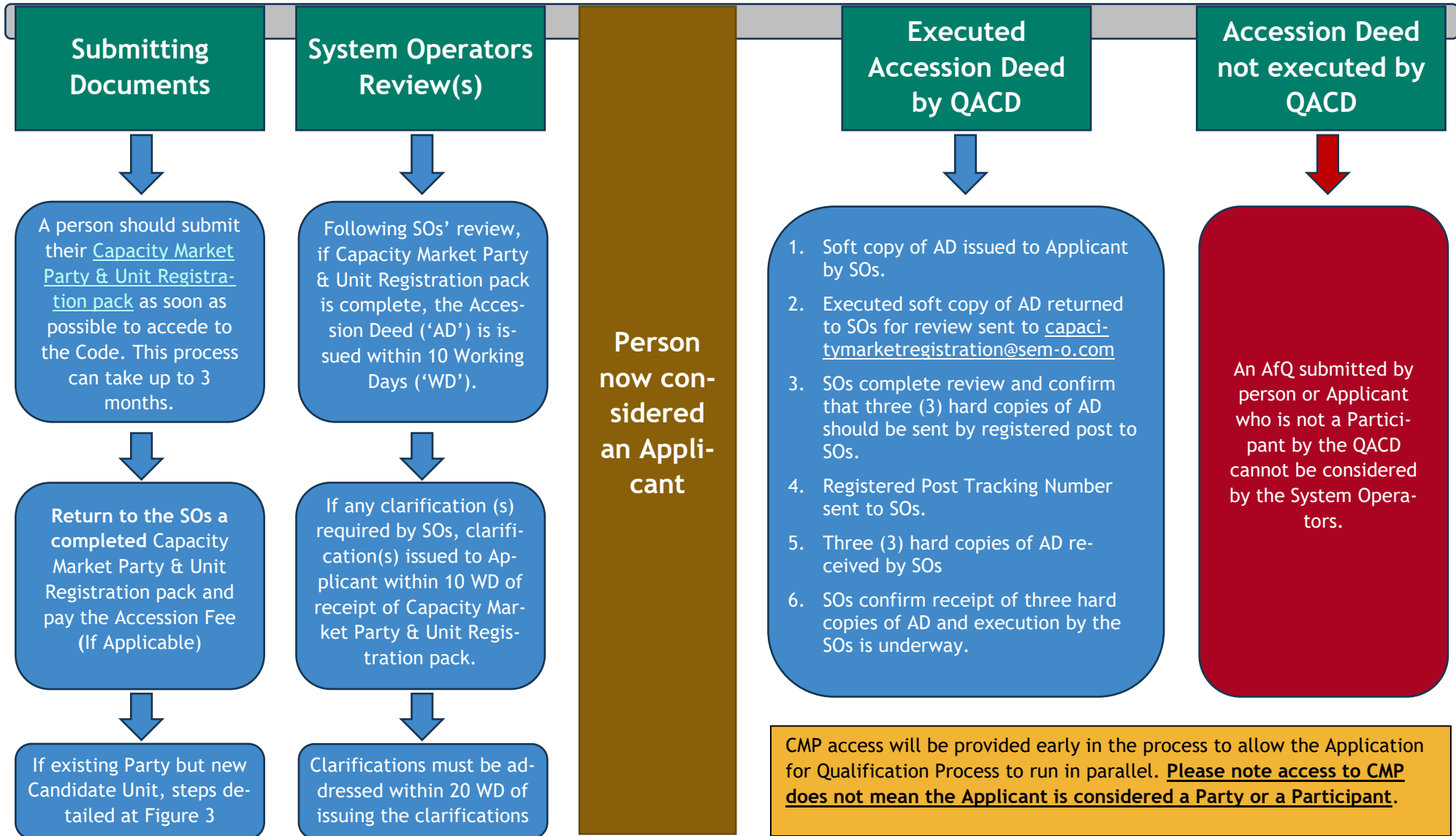


Figure 2: New Party - Provisional Registration of a New Candidate Unit

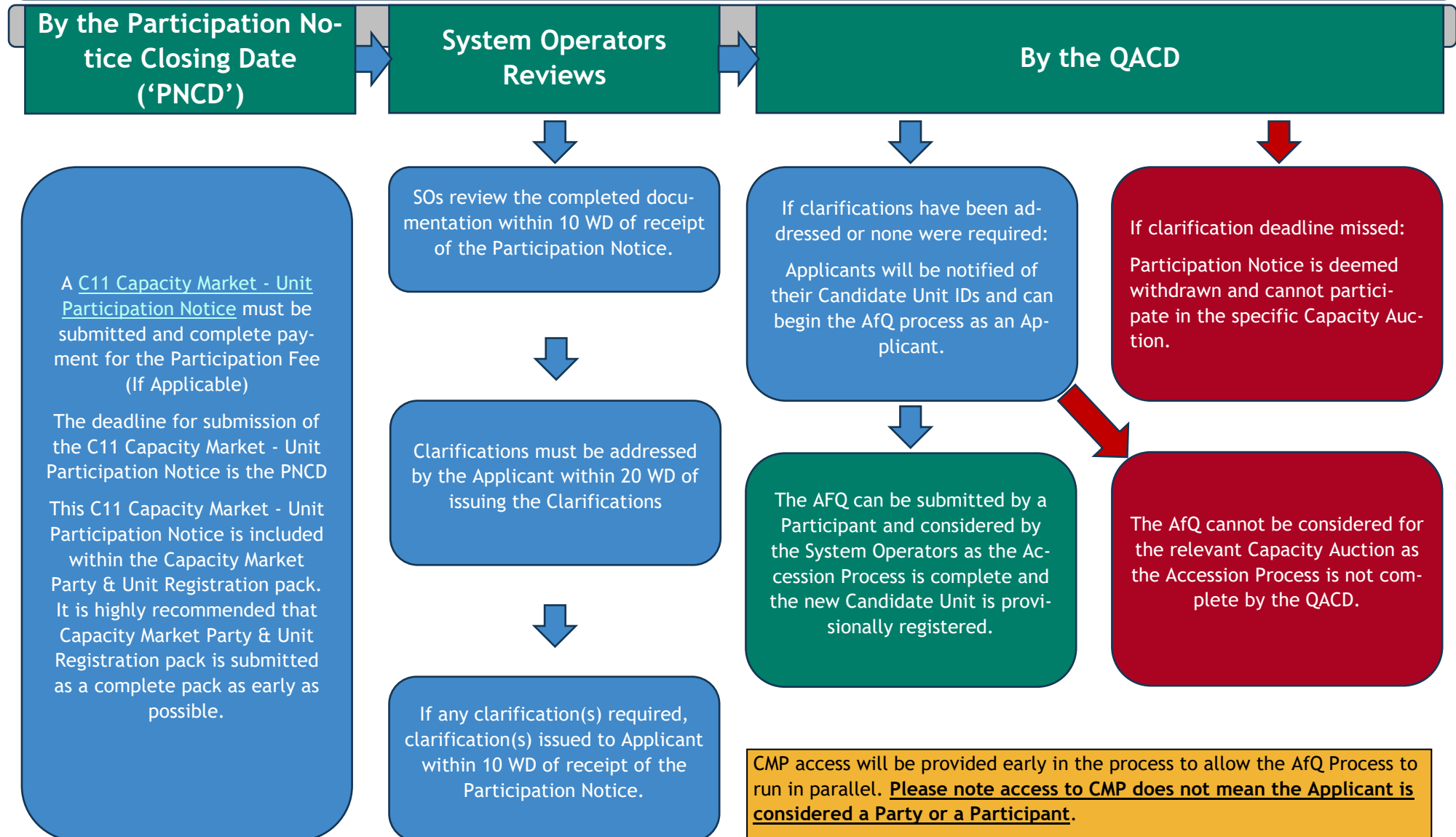
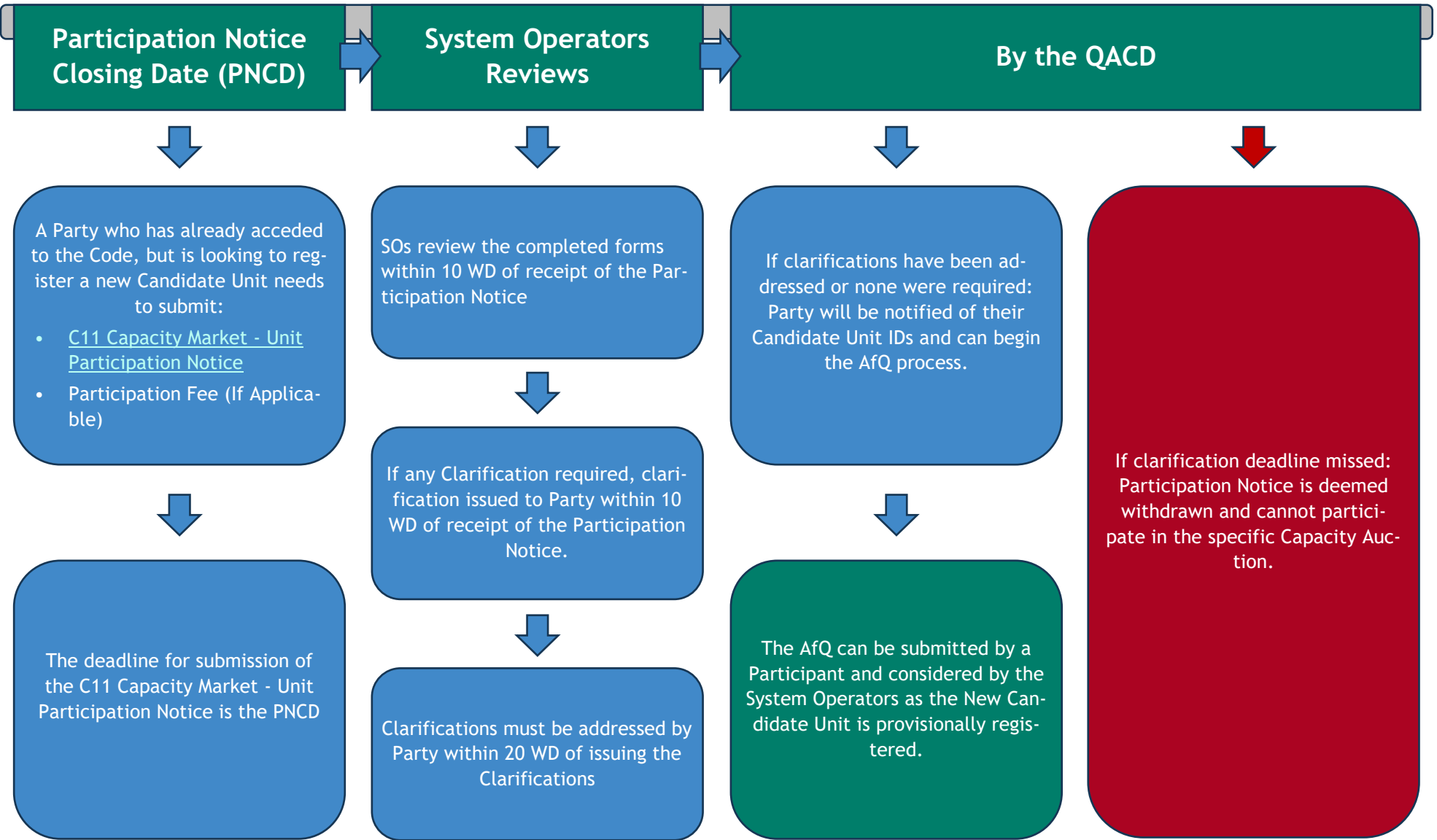


Figure 3: Existing Party - Provisional Registration of a New Candidate Unit



4. Further information & Links

The following is a list of helpful guides & the relevant forms needed to complete either your Accession Process or Registering a Candidate Unit:

- [Capacity Market - Party and Unit Registration Guide](#)- Within this contains the following forms: Party Application Form (CO1), Party Administrative (PAU) Authorisation (CO2) & Unit Participation Notice (C11)
- [Capacity Market Code](#)
- [CMC Agreed Procedure 1: Registration](#)
- Email capacitymarketregistration@sem-o.com for any Registration queries.