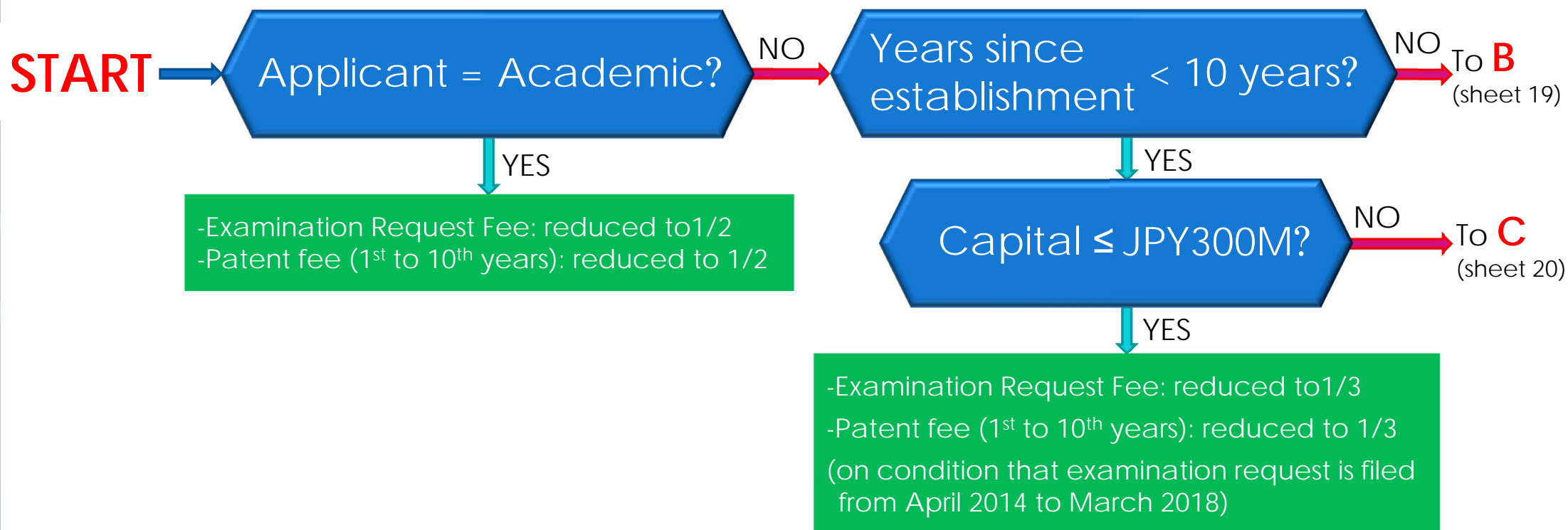
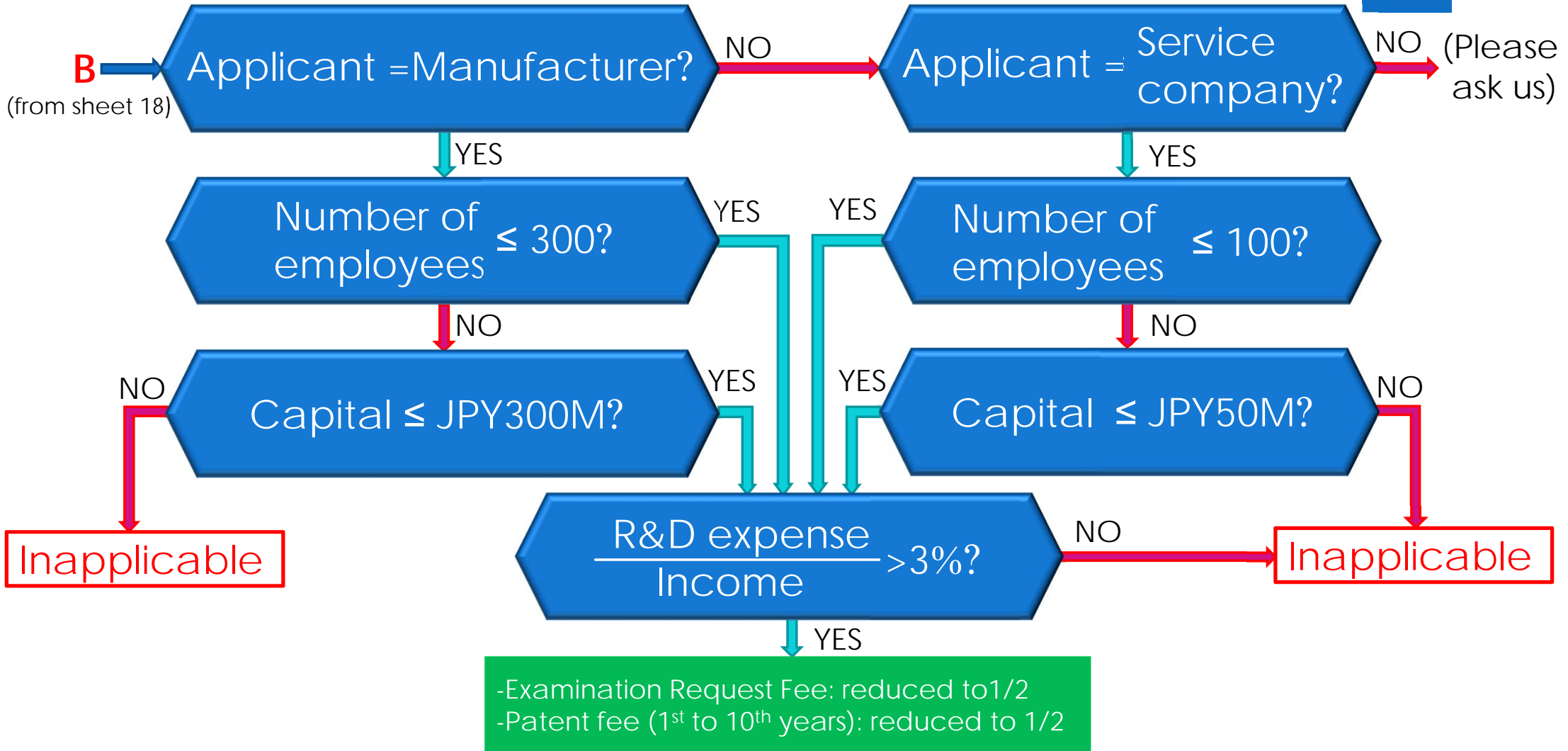


3. Patents: Fee Reduction for Small Entities



Fee Reduction for Small Entities (cont.)

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Fee Reduction for Small Entities (cont.)

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(from sheet 18)

Applicant = Manufacturer?

NO

Applicant = Service company?

NO

(Please ask us)

YES

YES

Number of employees ≤ 300 ?

YES

YES

Number of employees ≤ 100 ?

NO

NO

Inapplicable

YES

Capital \leq JPY50M?

NO

$\frac{\text{R\&D expense}}{\text{Income}} > 3\%$?

NO

Inapplicable

YES

-Examination Request Fee: reduced to 1/2
-Patent fee (1st to 10th years): reduced to 1/2

Please note

- When applying for the above fee reduction, it is necessary to submit documents for proving fulfilment of respective requirements and Japanese translation of such documents.
- As necessary for each case, please ask us in advance about detailed matters such as eligibility for the above fee reduction, the necessary documents, etc.