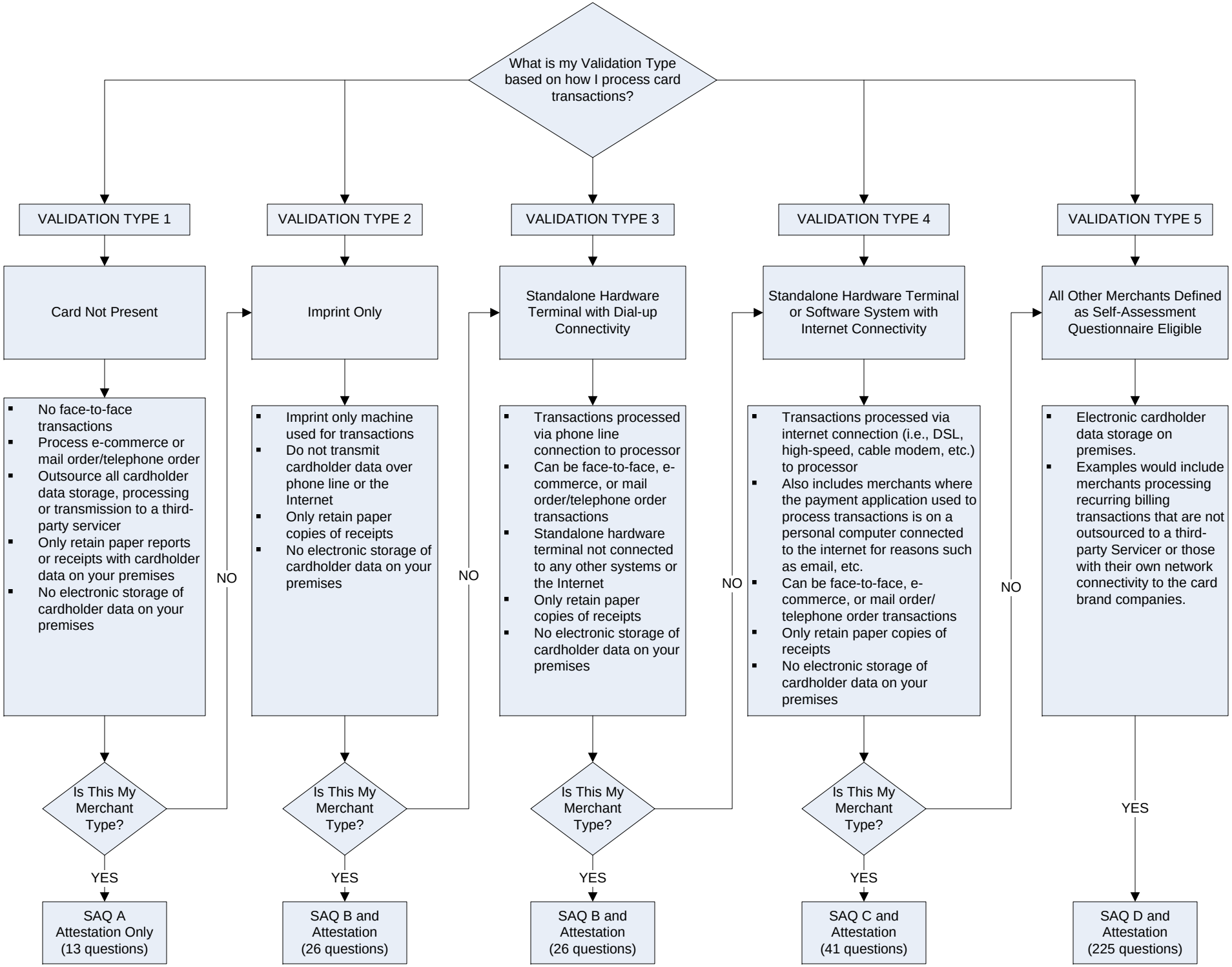
What is my Validation Type based on how I process card transactions?
VALIDATION TYPE 1
Card Not Present
No face-to-face transactions
Process e-commerce or mail order/telephone order
Outsource all cardholder data storage, processing or transmission to a third-party servicer
Only retain paper reports or receipts with cardholder data on your premises
No electronic storage of cardholder data on your premises
Is This My Merchant Type?
YES
SAQ A Attestation Only (13 questions)
NO
VALIDATION TYPE 2
Imprint Only
Imprint only machine used for transactions
Do not transmit cardholder data over phone line or the Internet
Only retain paper copies of receipts
No electronic storage of cardholder data on your premises
Is This My Merchant Type?
YES
SAQ B and Attestation (26 questions)
NO
VALIDATION TYPE 3
Standalone Hardware Terminal with Dial-up Connectivity
Transactions processed via phone line connection to processor
Can be face-to-face, e-commerce, or mail order/telephone order transactions
Standalone hardware terminal not connected to any other systems or the Internet
Only retain paper copies of receipts
No electronic storage of cardholder data on your premises
Is This My Merchant Type?
YES
SAQ B and Attestation (26 questions)
NO
VALIDATION TYPE 4
Standalone Hardware Terminal or Software System with Internet Connectivity
Transactions processed via internet connection (i.e., DSL, high-speed, cable modem, etc.) to processor
Also includes merchants where the payment application used to process transactions is on a personal computer connected to the internet for reasons such as email, etc.
Can be face-to-face, e-commerce, or mail order/ telephone order transactions
Only retain paper copies of receipts
No electronic storage of cardholder data on your premises
Is This My Merchant Type?
YES
SAQ C and Attestation (41 questions)
NO
VALIDATION TYPE 5
All Other Merchants Defined as Self-Assessment Questionnaire Eligible
Electronic cardholder data storage on premises.
Examples would include merchants processing recurring billing transactions that are not outsourced to a third-party Servicer or those with their own network connectivity to the card brand companies.
YES
SAQ D and Attestation (225 questions)