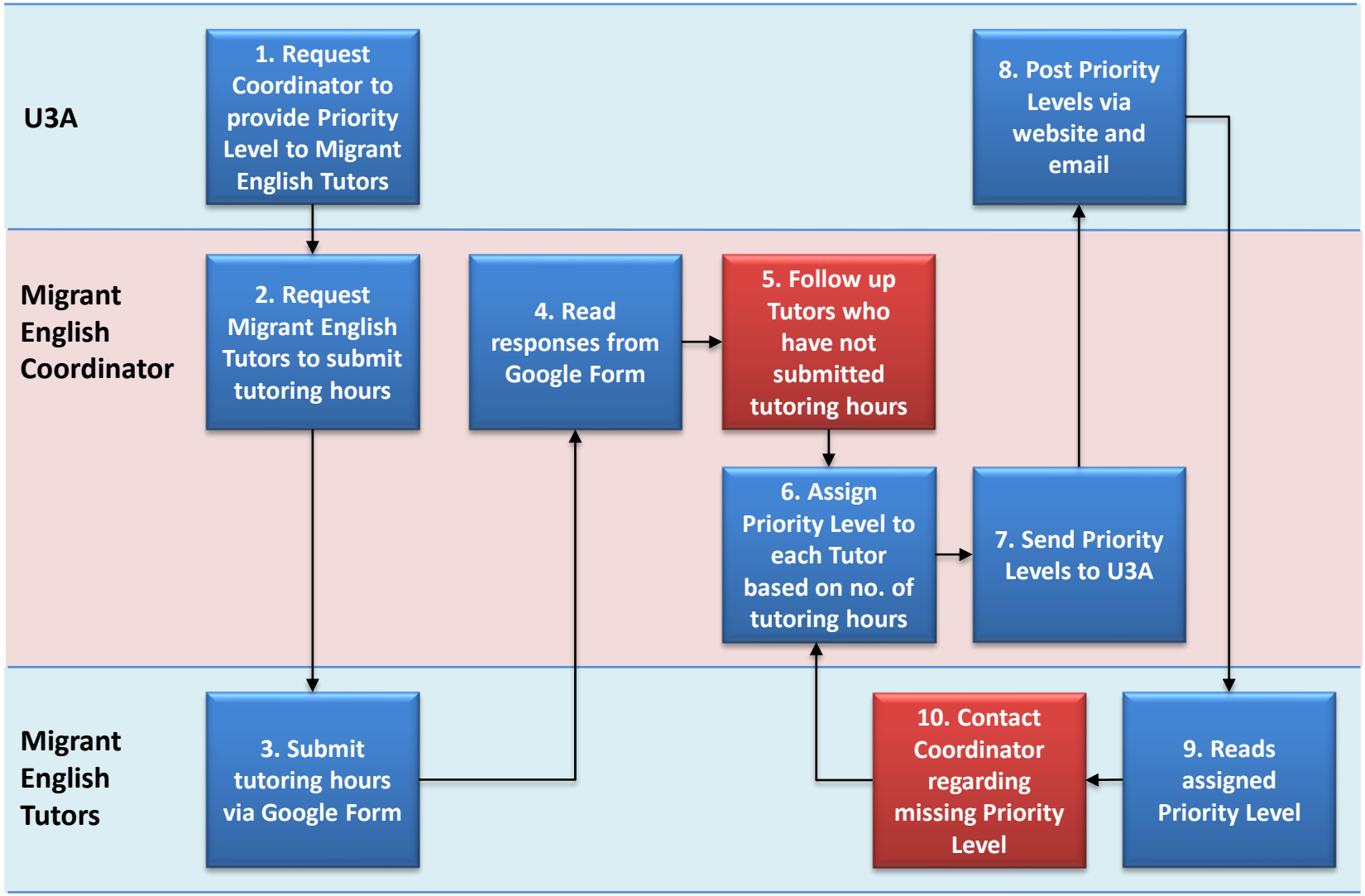PROCESS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF PRIORITY LEVEL