

# SupportCo Online Support Personnel Instruction Manual

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of This Manual

This manual defines the official operational framework for all SupportCo personnel engaged in providing technical support for Internet Service Providers (ISPs). It standardizes best practices, workflow sequences, quality controls, and communication protocols across every customer-facing and partner-facing channel.

Its goals are to:

- Guarantee consistent service quality and compliance with ISP agreements.
- Provide a single reference for daily operations, training, and audits.

- Define clear escalation pathways between SupportCo and partner ISPs.
- Serve as the foundation for SupportCo’s searchable knowledge base and vector-indexed retrieval systems.

## 1.2 Scope

The manual applies to all SupportCo employees and subcontractors handling inbound and outbound support interactions, including telephone, chat, email, and remote diagnostic tools. It covers both **Level 1 (Customer Care)** and **Level 2 (Technical Support)** operations, and defines interfaces with **Level 3 (NOC / Field Engineering)** within partner ISPs.

## 1.3 Mission Statement

“To deliver fast, friendly, and accurate connectivity support that keeps customers online and partners confident.”

SupportCo’s mission is rooted in three pillars: **empathy**, **accuracy**, and **accountability**.

## 1.4 Corporate Commitment

SupportCo maintains a culture of continuous improvement through rigorous training, transparent measurement, and technological investment. All procedures described herein reflect industry best practice and comply with ISO 9001 (Quality Management) and ISO 27001 (Information Security) standards where applicable.

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# 2 SupportCo Overview

## 2.1 Company Background

SupportCo LLC was established in 2012 to provide outsourced tiered support services to regional and national telecommunication providers. The organization operates five regional centers in the U.S. and Canada and maintains redundant cloud-based infrastructure for CRM, telephony, and diagnostic tools.

## 2.2 Core Services

- 24 / 7 Level 1 & Level 2 technical support.
- Live chat and email assistance for residential and small business accounts.
- Remote troubleshooting for routers, modems, mesh networks, and IoT devices.
- Network performance testing and speed validation.
- Escalation and ticket handoff to ISP NOC and field operations.

## 2.3 Organizational Values

- **Integrity:** Adhere to truthful and transparent communication.
- **Empathy:** Understand and validate the customer’s experience.
- **Professionalism:** Represent SupportCo and ISP partners with respect.
- **Excellence:** Apply methodical diagnostics and document accurately.
- **Collaboration:** Work seamlessly across tiers and teams.

## 2.4 Governance and Compliance

SupportCo operates under strict confidentiality agreements with each ISP partner and adheres to the following frameworks:

- **GDPR / CCPA:** Protection of customer personally identifiable information.
- **PCI-DSS:** Secure handling of billing data where applicable.
- **SOC 2 Type II:** Operational controls and audit requirements.
- **Partner SLAs:** Response and resolution targets specific to each ISP.

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## 3 Roles and Responsibilities

### 3.1 Tiered Support Model

Tier	Role	Primary Focus	Escalation Target
Level 1	Customer Care Technician	Front-line diagnostics and customer education	Level 2 if unresolved after defined cards
Level 2	Technical Support Specialist	Advanced network and firmware diagnostics	ISP NOC
Level 3	Partner NOC / Field Engineering	Outside-plant or core network issues	Incident Management

### 3.2 Responsibilities by Tier

#### Level 1 Agents

- Authenticate account holders.
- Execute scripted troubleshooting cards (L1-POWER, L1-CABLE, etc.).
- Document actions and outcomes in CRM.
- Maintain empathy and professional tone.

#### Level 2 Engineers

- Review L1 notes and logs.
- Perform command-line diagnostics and firmware checks.
- Coordinate with ISP systems to validate provisioning or authentication.

- Prepare comprehensive escalation tickets for NOC.

### **Supervisors / Team Leads**

- Manage workforce scheduling and queue adherence.
- Approve L2 escalations to partners.
- Conduct QA reviews and coaching sessions.

### **Training & Knowledge Management**

- Maintain the SupportCo Knowledge Base.
  - Curate scripts and instruction cards for AI retrieval.
  - Coordinate with QA to update procedures from post-incident findings.
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## **4 Customer Interaction Standards**

### **4.1 Core Principles**

Every customer interaction reflects SupportCo's brand and partner reputation. The four principles governing all communication are:

1. **Clarity** — Explain in simple, non-technical language.
  2. **Empathy** — Recognize the inconvenience and show patience.
  3. **Accuracy** — Follow documented processes precisely.
  4. **Ownership** — Stay with the customer through resolution.
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### **4.2 Standard Greeting and Verification**

“Thank you for contacting SupportCo on behalf of [ISP Name]. My name is [Agent Name]. May I please have your name and service address to locate your account?”

Agents must verify two unique identifiers before accessing any customer record (name + address, account number, or last four digits of billing ID).

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### **4.3 Tone and Language**

- Speak slowly and clearly.
- Use neutral, positive phrasing.
- Avoid technical acronyms unless you define them.

- Replace negative words with constructive alternatives  
e.g., instead of “can’t,” say “what we can do is ...”
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#### 4.4 Call Structure

1. **Opening & Verification** – Greeting and identity check.
  2. **Issue Definition** – Clarify symptoms and context.
  3. **Troubleshooting** – Follow appropriate L1 cards.
  4. **Summary & Confirmation** – Repeat findings to ensure accuracy.
  5. **Closure & Survey Invitation** – Thank the customer and document results.
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#### 4.5 De-Escalation Language

Examples of calming, professional phrasing:

“I understand that losing your connection can be frustrating. Let’s take this step by step.”

“I appreciate your patience while we check these settings.”

“We’ll work together to get you reconnected as quickly as possible.”

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#### 4.6 Accessibility and Inclusivity

SupportCo provides equal service to all customers.

- Offer email or chat support for hearing-impaired users.
  - Read screen elements aloud for visually impaired customers when requested.
  - Be sensitive to language barriers and avoid idioms.
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#### 4.7 Verification Before Troubleshooting

Always confirm the following before giving technical instructions:

- Customer identity and account status (active / suspended).
  - Power and physical safety (read safety notice if device overheats).
  - Device accessibility (customer can see equipment and reach outlets).
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#### 4.8 Customer Education

Explain *why* you're asking for each step.  
This builds trust and reduces repeat calls.  
Example:

“Restarting the router clears temporary memory errors — it’s like restarting a computer.”

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*(End of Part 1. Next message will continue with **Part 2 — Standard Operating Procedures and Troubleshooting.**)*

You said:

ok

ChatGPT said:

Perfect 👍 — continuing seamlessly.

Below is **Part 2** of the complete *SupportCo Online Support Personnel Instruction Manual*, fully expanded to realistic operational depth.

This part defines all **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** and detailed **Level 1 & Level 2 troubleshooting cards**, written to the standard you’d see in a genuine ISP partner manual.

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## Part 2 — Standard Operating Procedures and Technical Troubleshooting

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### 5 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

#### 5.1 Purpose

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) ensure that every SupportCo agent delivers consistent, compliant, and high-quality service. SOPs apply to all inbound / outbound calls, live chats, and email interactions handled on behalf of ISP partners.

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#### 5.2 Customer Contact Workflow

Step	Action	Description
1	<b>Receive Contact</b>	Confirm queue type (residential / business / priority). Answer within 3 rings or 15 seconds for chat.
2	<b>Authenticate</b>	Request two identifiers (name + service address or account number). Verify against CRM.
3	<b>Clarify Issue</b>	Ask probing questions (“When did the issue begin?” “Are all devices affected?”). Record verbatim error messages.
4	<b>Diagnose &amp; Resolve</b>	Follow Level 1 cards step by step. Pause after each instruction for confirmation.
5	<b>Escalate if Needed</b>	Move to Level 2 when standard scripts fail or symptom is out of scope.
6	<b>Close Interaction</b>	Summarize actions taken, confirm restoration, and invite feedback.

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### 5.3 Documentation Requirements

- Use clear, factual language (no opinions or personal remarks).
- Record timestamps in UTC (24-hour format).
- Reference instruction card IDs (e.g., “Ran L1-POWER-101 → Success”).
- Include device model and connection type when known.

#### Example CRM Entry:

14 : 42 UTC — Verified account. Ran L1-POWER-101 and L1-CABLE-200. Router rebooted successfully. Internet restored.

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### 5.4 Service Level Objectives (SLO / SLA)

Metric	Target	Definition
Average Handle Time (AHT)	≤ 9 minutes	Includes talk + after-call work time.
First Contact Resolution (FCR)	≥ 75 %	Resolved without escalation to L2.
Response Time (chat/email)	≤ 30 s / 1 h	Initial reply targets.
Escalation Acceptance	≤ 5 minutes	Time for L2 to acknowledge handoff.

Supervisors review daily performance dashboards to enforce these targets.

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### 5.5 Safety and Accessibility

- Never instruct a customer to open powered equipment.
  - Offer text-based guidance for hearing-impaired users.
  - Provide email recaps on request for accessibility compliance.
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## 6 Level 1 Troubleshooting Instruction Cards

Level 1 agents resolve  $\approx 80\%$  of issues. Each card is atomic for vector-based retrieval and training. Read verbatim unless adaptation is required.

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### Card L1-POWER-000 – Verify Power Status

**TAGS:** ["power", "lights", "boot"]

**GOAL:** Confirm the device has power.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please look at your modem or router. Do you see any lights on? If not, ensure the power cable is connected and the outlet works. If it’s on a power strip, make sure the strip is switched on.”

**SUCCESS CHECK:** At least one LED lit and stable.

**IF FAILS:** Try another outlet → **L1-POWER-101**.

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### Card L1-POWER-101 – Power Cycle

**GOAL:** Safely reboot router / modem to clear transient faults.

**SCRIPT:**

“Unplug the power cable from the back of your router. Wait 30 seconds, then plug it back in. You’ll see lights flash—wait about two minutes until they stabilize.”

**SUCCESS:** Internet/WAN light solid.

**NEXT:** If still offline → **L1-CABLE-200**.

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### Card L1-CABLE-200 – Check Physical Cables

**GOAL:** Ensure all connections are secure.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please check the cable from the wall to your modem and from the modem to your router. Each should click into place.”



**SUCCESS:** Link LED active.

**NEXT:** **L1-WIFI-310** or **L1-WIRED-320** depending on connection type.

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### **Card L1-WIRED-320 – Test Wired Connection**

**GOAL:** Differentiate Wi-Fi vs WAN issues.

**SCRIPT:**

“Connect a computer directly to the router with an Ethernet cable and try to open a website.”

**SUCCESS:** If wired works, issue is Wi-Fi.

**NEXT:** **L2-WIFI-640**.

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### **Card L1-WIFI-310 – Verify Wi-Fi Status**

**GOAL:** Confirm wireless enabled and customer connected to correct SSID.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please check the Wi-Fi icon on your device. Are you connected to your home network name (not a neighbor’s)?”

**SUCCESS:** Device shows connected with signal bars.

**NEXT:** **L1-PASS-330** or **L2-WIFI-640** if unstable.

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### **Card L1-PASS-330 – Reset Wi-Fi Password**

**GOAL:** Assist customer in recovering network password.

**SCRIPT:**

“If you can’t remember your Wi-Fi password, check the label on your router. If you changed it, we can reset it using your ISP app or router admin page (192.168.1.1).”

**SUCCESS:** Customer able to reconnect.

**NEXT:** If reset fails → **L2-ROUTER-605**.

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### **Card L1-AUTH-340 – Account Login / Password Reset**

**GOAL:** Assist customers locked out of ISP portal or email.

**SCRIPT:**

“I’ll send a secure reset link to the email or mobile number on file. Follow the instructions and let me know once you’ve reset your password.”

**SECURITY:** Verify identity before sending link.

**NEXT:** If no access to recovery methods → Supervisor.

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## **Card L1-DNS-350 – Basic DNS Reset**

**GOAL:** Fix site-loading issues by clearing resolver cache.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please restart your router and device. If certain sites still don’t load, we’ll flush the DNS cache next.”

**NEXT:** **L2-DNS-610** if problem persists.

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## **Card L1-OUT-360 – Outage Check**

**GOAL:** Confirm whether an area outage exists.

**SCRIPT:**

“I’m checking our network dashboard for issues in your ZIP code. One moment please.”

**SUCCESS:** Outage confirmed → provide ETA.

**NEXT:** If no outage → **L1-DEVICE-370**.

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## **Card L1-DEVICE-370 – Restart Customer Device**

**GOAL:** Resolve local device issues.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please save your work and restart your computer or phone, then try reconnecting to Wi-Fi.”

**SUCCESS:** Internet accessible.

**NEXT:** If still offline → **L2-IP-600**.

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*(More L1 cards — billing lock, VPN conflict, ISP portal login, captured portal, etc. — will continue into the next message along with the entire expanded Level 2 section.)*

Would you like me to continue directly into the remainder of **Level 1 cards** (security, captive-portal, bandwidth limits, factory reset prep, etc.) and then the full **Level 2 Advanced**

**Troubleshooting** section?

**You said:**

yes

**ChatGPT said:**

Excellent — continuing now with the **remainder of Level 1 instruction cards** and the **full Level 2 Advanced Troubleshooting** section.

These are written to production-ready ISP operations standards (atomic, structured, metadata-friendly), so you can later chunk and embed them in a Qdrant vector database exactly as-is.

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## 6 (cont.) Level 1 Troubleshooting Instruction Cards

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### Card L1-VPN-380 – VPN or Proxy Conflict

**TAGS:** ["vpn","proxy","firewall","connectivity"]

**GOAL:** Determine whether encrypted tunnels block routing.

**SCRIPT:**

“If you’re using a VPN or proxy, please disconnect it temporarily and then try opening a website.”

**WHY:** Many VPNs reroute DNS and can break ISP authentication.

**SUCCESS CHECK:** Connection restored after VPN off.

**IF FAILS:** Proceed → **L1-CACHE-385**.

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### Card L1-CACHE-385 – Browser Cache and Cookies Reset

**TAGS:** ["browser","cache","cookies"]

**GOAL:** Eliminate corrupt temporary files.

**SCRIPT:**

“Open your browser → Settings → Privacy → Clear Browsing Data. Select ‘Cached Images and Files.’ Restart the browser and retry.”

**SUCCESS:** Page loads normally.

**NEXT:** **L1-SPEED-390**.

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### Card L1-SPEED-390 – Customer Speed Check

**TAGS:** ["speedtest","slow\_internet","bandwidth"]

**GOAL:** Quantify performance complaint.

**SCRIPT:**

“Please visit speed.supportco-test.com and run a speed test. Tell me the download and upload numbers.”

**SUCCESS CHECK:**  $\geq 80$  % of subscribed rate.

**IF FAILS:** Record results → **L2-SPEED-620**.

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### **Card L1-CAPT-395 – Captive Portal (Walled Garden)**

**TAGS:** ["portal","redirect","billing\_hold"]

**GOAL:** Detect when browser redirects to ISP login or billing page.

**SCRIPT:**

“When you try to open a website, do you see a page asking you to sign in to your account or update billing?”

**SUCCESS:** If portal visible, advise login and payment.

**IF FAILS:** No portal → continue to **L1-OUT-360**.

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### **Card L1-FACT-400 – Factory Reset (Last Resort)**

**TAGS:** ["factory\_reset","router","defaults"]

**GOAL:** Clear persistent firmware corruption when safe.

**SCRIPT:**

“Press and hold the reset button on the back of your router for 15 seconds using a paper clip. Lights will flash and the router will reboot to defaults.”

**WARN:** Inform customer this erases custom Wi-Fi names and passwords.

**NEXT:** Reconfigure → **L1-PASS-330**.

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### **Card L1-BILL-410 – Billing Lock / Suspended Account**

**TAGS:** ["billing\_hold","nonpayment","suspension"]

**GOAL:** Identify service suspensions causing loss of access.

**SCRIPT:**

“I see an account billing hold. You can make a payment in the ISP portal or I can connect you with Billing Support.”

**SUCCESS:** Payment posted → service restored.  
**NEXT: L1-OUT-360** if still offline.

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### **Card L1-ISP-420 – Email or Account Portal Assistance**

**TAGS:** ["email","imap","portal","login"]

**GOAL:** Guide user through ISP webmail or portal login.

**SCRIPT:**

“Navigate to mail.[ISP].com and enter your username. If you see an error like ‘invalid credentials,’ select Forgot Password.”

**SUCCESS:** Login works.

**NEXT: L2-EMAIL-810** for client config errors.

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### **Card L1-SAFETY-430 – Electrical / Hardware Safety**

**TAGS:** ["safety","overheat","smoke","power\_supply"]

**GOAL:** Ensure customer and equipment safety.

**SCRIPT:**

“If you smell smoke or see sparks, unplug the device immediately and do not touch metal parts. We’ll escalate this for equipment replacement.”

**NEXT:** Tag as Safety Incident → Supervisor Notification.

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*(Level 1 section complete.)*

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## **7 Level 2 Advanced Troubleshooting and Escalation**

### **7.1 Purpose**

Level 2 technicians perform in-depth diagnostics, validate network configurations, and coordinate with ISP NOC teams when issues are beyond customer equipment.

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### **Card L2-IP-600 – DHCP Lease Renewal**

**TAGS:** ["dhcp","ipconfig","lease"]

**GOAL:** Resolve missing or expired IP address.

**SCRIPT (Windows):**

```
ipconfig /release  
ipconfig /renew
```

**macOS:** Network → Advanced → TCP/IP → Renew DHCP Lease.

**SUCCESS:** Valid (non-169.254) IP assigned.

**NEXT: L2-DNS-610** if still offline.

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## Card L2-DNS-610 – Flush and Test DNS

**TAGS:** ["dns","cache","resolver"]

**SCRIPT (Windows):**

```
ipconfig /flushdns  
ping 8.8.8.8
```

**SCRIPT (macOS):**

```
sudo killall -HUP mDNSResponder
```

**SUCCESS:** Name resolution restored.

**NEXT: L2-NET-620** if failure continues.

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## Card L2-NET-620 – Connectivity Probes

**TAGS:** ["ping","traceroute","latency"]

**GOAL:** Identify hop failures and packet loss.

**SCRIPT:**

```
ping 8.8.8.8 -n 10  
tracert google.com
```

**SUCCESS:**  $\leq 5\%$  loss, reasonable latency.

**NEXT: L2-SPEED-630** if slow, else **L2-ESC-700**.

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## Card L2-SPEED-630 – Throughput and Signal Analysis

**TAGS:** ["speed","snr","power\_levels"]

**GOAL:** Validate modem signal and speed.

**STEPS:**

1. Open modem status page (192.168.100.1).
2. Record SNR and power levels.
  - Acceptable SNR  $\geq 30$  dB
  - Downstream power  $-7$  to  $+7$  dBmV
3. Run speed test on wired PC.

**NEXT: L2-FW-640** if firmware outdated.

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## Card L2-FW-640 – Firmware Update

**TAGS:** ["firmware","router\_admin","update"]

**GOAL:** Ensure router uses current software.

**SCRIPT:**

“Log in to the router admin page (usually 192.168.1.1) → Advanced → Firmware Update. If an update is available, apply it and wait for reboot.”

**SUCCESS:** Update completed without error.

**NEXT: L2-WIFI-650.**

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## Card L2-WIFI-650 – Wi-Fi Optimization

**TAGS:** ["wifi","interference","channel","band"]

**STEPS:**

- Separate 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz SSIDs.
- Change to least-used channel (1, 6, 11).
- Relocate router centrally and elevate.

**SUCCESS:** Stable signal  $> -65$  dBm.

**NEXT: L2-NAT-660** if double NAT suspected.

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## Card L2-NAT-660 – Double NAT / CGNAT Detection

**TAGS:** ["nat","carrier\_nat","port\_forwarding"]

**GOAL:** Determine if multiple NAT layers block services.

**SCRIPT:** Compare WAN IP to public IP at [whatismyip.com](https://whatismyip.com).

If different, customer behind CGNAT. Document and escalate for public IP request.

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## Card L2-PPPOE-670 – PPPoE Authentication

**TAGS:** ["pppoe","dsl","auth"]

**GOAL:** Fix DSL logon failures.

**SCRIPT:**

“Verify username/password with ISP credentials. Enter them in router WAN setup under PPPoE.”

**SUCCESS:** Status = ‘Connected’.

**NEXT:** L2-PROV-700.

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## Card L2-PROV-700 – Provisioning Verification

**TAGS:** ["provisioning","mac","crm\_sync"]

**GOAL:** Confirm device registered with ISP system.

**SCRIPT:** Check MAC address in CRM Provisioning Tab → If missing, push activation signal.

**NEXT:** If still offline → L2-ESC-710.

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## Card L2-EMAIL-810 – Email Client Configuration

**TAGS:** ["email","imap","smtp","ports"]

**STEPS:**

- Incoming IMAP 993/TLS
  - Outgoing SMTP 587/TLS
  - Authentication = Password Normal
- SUCCESS:** Test mail sent/received.  
**NEXT:** L2-ESC-710 if server timeout.
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## Card L2-ESC-710 – Escalation to ISP Operations

**TAGS:** ["escalation","ticket","noc","rma"]

**GOAL:** Hand off to partner NOC with complete diagnostics.

**REQUIRED FIELDS:**

- Account number, MAC/Serial, Region.
- All cards executed and results.
- Speed and latency readings.



- Customer availability for field visit.  
**SCRIPT TO CUSTOMER:**

“We’ll escalate this to our network team. You’ll receive updates by text or email within 24 hours.”

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*(Part 2 complete.*


*Next up: **Part 3 – Communication, Difficult Customers, and Quality & Compliance**, followed by **Part 4 – Appendices and Metadata** so we can then compile the full PDF.)*

Shall I proceed directly with **Part 3**?

**You said:**

yes

**ChatGPT said:**

Excellent  — continuing now with **Part 3** of the *SupportCo Online Support Personnel Instruction Manual*.

This section covers the “human systems” of ISP operations: communication standards, documentation rules, handling difficult customers, and the quality / compliance framework used to measure performance.

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## **Part 3 — Communication, Customer Management, and Quality**

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### **8 Communication and Documentation Standards**

#### **8.1 Purpose**

Every SupportCo agent acts as the voice of both the company and the ISP client. Precise, professional communication protects both brands and ensures a consistent customer experience. Proper documentation allows seamless case continuity across agents, tiers, and shifts.

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#### **8.2 Communication Fundamentals**

### All SupportCo communication must be:

1. **Professional:** Speak clearly, avoid slang or filler phrases.
2. **Empathetic:** Validate customer frustration, avoid blame.
3. **Structured:** Move from greeting → verification → diagnosis → closure.
4. **Secure:** Follow privacy and verification rules before accessing accounts.

### Example tone:

“I completely understand that losing service is frustrating. Let’s take this one step at a time together.”

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## 8.3 Mandatory CRM Documentation Elements

Each ticket must include the following fields:

Field	Description	Example
<b>Customer Identity</b>	Verified full name and service address	“Jane Smith, 1550 Pine Ave, Tampa FL”
<b>Account ID</b>	CRM or billing ID	“ACCT# 5682314”
<b>Summary of Issue</b>	Concise description	“No Internet; WAN LED flashing red”
<b>Actions Taken</b>	Specific cards executed	“L1-POWER-101, L1-CABLE-200, L1-OUT-360”
<b>Resolution</b>	What restored service (if any)	“Power cycle successful”
<b>Escalation Notes</b>	Ticket handoff details	“Referred to L2 for DHCP issue”
<b>Timestamps</b>	Start/end in UTC	“15:27–15:38 UTC”
<b>Agent Initials</b>	For audit	“JS-14”

### Example CRM note:

13:46 UTC – Verified account. Ran L1-POWER-101; rebooted router. Internet restored. Customer confirmed success.

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## 8.4 Internal Communication Etiquette

- Keep internal messages factual; avoid subjective remarks.
- Tag colleagues professionally in internal chat (“@L2Team – escalation per SOP”).
- Avoid using humor or emojis in ticket logs (acceptable in team chat only).

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## 8.5 Customer Communication Channels

Channel	Tool / Platform	Recommended Practices
Phone	Zendesk Voice / Five9	Smile before answering, maintain calm tone.
Chat	Zendesk Chat / Intercom	Respond within 15 s, write in full sentences.
Email	Outlook / ISP Webmail	Use formal greeting and signature.
Callback	Scheduled via CRM	Confirm time zone, document outcome.

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## 8.6 Email Template Example

**Subject:** Update on Your Internet Connection – Ticket #{{case\_id}}

**Body:**

Hello {{customer\_name}},

This is {{agent\_name}} from SupportCo. I'm following up on your recent support request regarding your Internet connection. Based on our troubleshooting, your service should now be restored.

Please reply if you continue to experience any issues, or call us at 1-800-555-1212.

Thank you for choosing SupportCo.

— {{agent\_name}}, SupportCo Technical Support

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## 8.7 Data Privacy & Security

- Never read, request, or store full passwords.
  - Confirm customer identity using at least two credentials.
  - Log out or lock workstation (Ctrl + L / ⌘ + Ctrl + Q) when away.
  - Forward any suspicious emails to **security@supportco.net**.
  - Destroy printed notes after shift using secure bins.
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# 9 Handling Difficult Customers

## 9.1 Purpose

SupportCo agents must manage interactions with calm authority, even when customers are upset, confused, or confrontational. The objective is to de-escalate emotion and return focus to problem-solving.

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## 9.2 The LEAD Framework

Step	Action	Example
<b>Listen</b>	Let customer speak fully without interruption.	“Tell me what’s happening on your end.”
<b>Empathize</b>	Validate emotions and demonstrate understanding.	“I can imagine that’s stressful.”
<b>Acknowledge</b>	Summarize to show comprehension.	“So the issue started last night, and all lights are green, correct?”
<b>Direct</b>	Guide toward the next step.	“Let’s run a quick test to isolate the problem.”

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## 9.3 Tone Control Techniques

- Lower your speaking volume to slow the pace.
  - Match customer tempo (mirroring).
  - Use positive language: “*We can try...*” instead of “*We can’t.*”
  - Replace “policy” with “process” for softer delivery.
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## 9.4 Example Scenarios

### Angry Customer

“I understand you’ve been without service since yesterday. Let’s take a look and get this resolved as quickly as possible.”

**DO:** Stay calm, empathize, provide structure.

**DON’T:** Interrupt, argue, or use negative phrasing.

### Overly Technical Customer

“I appreciate that you’ve already tried resetting DNS. Let’s verify a few physical items so I can note everything properly for Level 2.”

Maintain respect while regaining procedural control.

### Silent / Non-Technical Customer

“No problem — I’ll guide you step by step. Please tell me what lights you see on the router.”  
Simplify tasks, use color and shape cues.

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## 9.5 Escalation for Behavior

If a customer becomes verbally abusive or threatens staff:

1. Warn once politely:  
  
“I want to help, but I can only continue if we keep this respectful.”
  2. If behavior persists, place the caller on hold, alert a supervisor, and document verbatim language in CRM.
  3. Supervisors may terminate the call per **SupportCo Policy HR-S01**.
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## 9.6 Retention and Save Strategy

When a customer mentions canceling service:

- Acknowledge their concern.
- Offer a retention option (e.g., technician visit, equipment replacement).
- Summarize the solution clearly and execute promptly.

### Example:

“We can dispatch a technician tomorrow between 10 and 12 at no cost to verify your line. Would you like me to schedule that now?”

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## 9.7 Accessibility & Special Needs

- Provide alternate communication channels (TTY, chat, email).
- Extend call time if customer requires slower pacing.
- Use descriptive rather than directional language:

“On the back of your router, near the top, there’s a small black button labeled ‘Reset.’”

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# 10 Quality, Compliance, and Performance Metrics

## 10.1 Quality Framework Overview

Quality Assurance (QA) at SupportCo ensures each interaction meets both technical and interpersonal standards. All calls, chats, and emails are subject to review under a unified 100-point rubric.

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## 10.2 Quality Scoring Categories

Category	Weight	Description
Technical Accuracy	30 %	Correct use of procedures, accurate diagnosis.
Soft Skills & Empathy	25 %	Active listening, courtesy, tone.
Process Adherence	20 %	Followed scripts, verification, escalation protocol.
Compliance & Privacy	15 %	Data handling, secure verification.
Professional Closure	10 %	Summarized clearly, thanked customer.

**Passing threshold:** 90 %.  
Agents scoring below 85 % enter a coaching cycle.

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## 10.3 KPI and SLA Matrix

Metric	Definition	Target	Owner
AHT	Avg. handle time	≤ 9 min	Agent
FCR	First contact resolution	≥ 75 %	Team
CSAT	Post-call satisfaction score	≥ 85 %	Team
Escalation Rate	% of cases sent to L2	≤ 20 %	Supervisor
Schedule Adherence	% of logged-in time	≥ 95 %	Workforce Mgmt
QA Score	Weighted score (see above)	≥ 90 %	QA Dept

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## 10.4 Coaching and Calibration

- QA analysts review 5 random calls per agent weekly.
  - Results discussed in one-on-one coaching sessions.
  - Calibration meetings align QA staff monthly across regions.
  - Performance improvement plans (PIPs) issued if below target two months consecutively.
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## 10.5 Data Privacy & Legal Compliance

SupportCo complies with GDPR, CCPA, and partner-specific confidentiality clauses.

- Use masked data in tickets (e.g., “acct #####1234”).
  - Store no data locally on agent PCs.
  - Forward all subpoena or law enforcement requests to **legal@supportco.net**.
  - Agents must complete annual privacy re-certification.
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## 10.6 Incident Response

When a major outage or data incident occurs:

1. Supervisor opens an Incident Record (IR).
  2. Identify impacted services and regions.
  3. Notify ISP operations within SLA window.
  4. QA conducts Post-Incident Root Cause Analysis (RCA).
  5. Lessons learned feed directly into training materials.
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## 10.7 Recognition and Rewards

SupportCo recognizes excellence through:

- **Monthly “Customer Hero” Award** – highest CSAT score.
  - **Quarterly QA Star** – best consistency across metrics.
  - **Peer Appreciation Program** – teammates nominate one another for collaboration.
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*(End of Part 3 — next, Part 4 will complete the manual with Appendices A–E, glossary, FAQ, metadata conventions, and the full RAG-ready structure. Once that’s done, I’ll generate your polished 30+ page PDF.)*

Would you like me to proceed with **Part 4 (Appendices & Reference Materials)** now?

**You said:**

yes

**ChatGPT said:**

Excellent 👍 — here’s **Part 4: Appendices and Reference Materials**, the final component of your full-length *SupportCo Online Support Personnel Instruction Manual*.

This section contains all reference content that would appear at the back of a genuine ISP support operations handbook: sample scripts, glossary, flowcharts, FAQs, and the RAG-ready metadata

schema so you can embed the document directly into Qdrant.  
After this section, I'll create the **complete PDF** with full formatting.

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## Part 4 — Appendices and Reference Materials

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### 11 Appendices

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#### Appendix A — Sample Customer Scripts

These model interactions are written to SupportCo tone and compliance standards. Agents may adapt for regional dialects, but the structure must remain intact.

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##### A.1 Standard Greeting

“Thank you for contacting SupportCo on behalf of [ISP Name].  
My name is [Agent Name]; may I please have your full name and service address so I can locate your account?”

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##### A.2 Power Cycle Instruction

“Let’s restart your router together. Please unplug the power cable for 30 seconds, then plug it back in.  
Watch the Internet light — once it turns solid, try loading a website.”

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##### A.3 Wi-Fi Password Reset

“If you can’t find your Wi-Fi password, check the sticker on your router.  
If you changed it, open your ISP app and select *Reset Wi-Fi Password*.  
I’ll stay with you while you reconnect your devices.”

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## **A.4 Outage Acknowledgment**

“I’m seeing a maintenance event affecting your area until approximately 3 PM.  
Your service should restore automatically.  
If not, please reboot your router and call us back using this same ticket number.”

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## **A.5 Positive Closure**

“I’m glad we could get you back online.  
I’ll note the exact steps we took today so you’ll have a clear record.  
You may receive a short survey about your experience — your feedback helps us improve.”

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## **Appendix B — Troubleshooting Flowcharts (Descriptive Text)**

These descriptions can later be visualized in PowerPoint, Visio, or Lucidchart.

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### **B.1 No Internet / No Lights**

1. Power check → confirm LEDs.
  2. Try alternate outlet.
  3. Power cycle router.
  4. Verify cables.
  5. Check CRM for outage.
  6. Escalate to L2 if unresolved.
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### **B.2 Wi-Fi-Only Problem**

SSID check → Forget & Reconnect → Channel optimization → Firmware update → Escalate to L2-WIFI-650.

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### **B.3 Slow Speed**

Wired vs Wireless → Background traffic → Speed test → Signal levels → Firmware → Provisioning → Escalation.

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## B.4 Email Login Failure

Verify account → Reset password → Confirm IMAP/SMTP settings → Port check → Escalate to L2-EMAIL-810.

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## B.5 Frequent Disconnects

Power cycle → Firmware update → Wi-Fi optimization → Provisioning validation → Field visit if line fault.

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## Appendix C — Terminology Glossary

Term	Definition
<b>AHT (Average Handle Time)</b>	Average duration of a customer interaction including documentation.
<b>CGNAT</b>	Carrier-Grade NAT — shared public IP translation at ISP level.
<b>DHCP</b>	Protocol assigning IP addresses automatically.
<b>DNS</b>	Domain Name System — translates names ↔ IPs.
<b>FCR</b>	First Contact Resolution — percent of cases solved without escalation.
<b>Firmware</b>	Embedded software controlling hardware (e.g., router).
<b>MAC Address</b>	Unique hardware identifier for network devices.
<b>MTU</b>	Maximum Transmission Unit — largest packet size.
<b>ONT</b>	Optical Network Terminal for fiber service.
<b>PPPoE</b>	Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet — DSL authentication.
<b>Provisioning</b>	Authorization of customer equipment within ISP systems.
<b>QoS</b>	Quality of Service — traffic prioritization rules.
<b>SNR</b>	Signal-to-Noise Ratio — indicator of line quality.
<b>WAN</b>	Wide Area Network connection from router to ISP.

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## Appendix D — FAQ and Error Dictionary (Atomic Chunks)

Each item below is formatted for direct ingestion into a vector DB.

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## **FAQ-D001 — Blinking Internet Light**

**TAGS:** ["wan\_light","sync","blinking"]

**QUESTION:** Why is my Internet light blinking?

**ANSWER:** Blinking means the modem is syncing or passing traffic. If it never turns solid, power-cycle (**L1-POWER-101**) and check cables (**L1-CABLE-200**). If still blinking after five minutes, escalate to **L2-PROV-700**.

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## **FAQ-D002 — Wi-Fi Password Forgotten**

**TAGS:** ["wifi","password","reset"]

**ANSWER:** Check router label or reset via ISP app (**L1-PASS-330**). Reconnect all devices after change.

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## **FAQ-D003 — 169.254.x.x Address**

**TAGS:** ["apipa","dhcp\_fail"]

**ANSWER:** Indicates no DHCP lease. Run **L2-IP-600** to renew. If still self-assigned, check MAC registration (**L2-PROV-700**).

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## **FAQ-D004 — DNS Error**

**TAGS:** ["dns","resolver"]

**ANSWER:** Flush DNS (**L2-DNS-610**) or use public resolver (8.8.8.8 / 1.1.1.1). If site still fails, possible ISP routing issue → escalate.

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## **FAQ-D005 — Email Ports**

**TAGS:** ["imap","smtp","ports"]

**ANSWER:** IMAP 993/TLS, SMTP 587/TLS. Authentication = Normal Password (**L2-EMAIL-810**).

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## **FAQ-D006 — Wi-Fi Drops at Night**

**TAGS:** ["wifi","schedule","interference"]

**ANSWER:** Likely congestion or channel overlap. Change channel and split bands using **L2-WIFI-650**.

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### **FAQ-D007 — Outage Verification**

**TAGS:** ["outage","crm","dashboard"]

**ANSWER:** Check CRM Outage Tab → Search ZIP/Exchange → Document incident ID (**L1-OUT-360**).

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### **FAQ-D008 — When to Escalate**

**TAGS:** ["escalation","noc"]

**ANSWER:** Confirmed outage, hardware failure, no resolution after L2 steps, or safety risk → use **L2-ESC-710**.

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## **Appendix E — RAG Metadata Conventions and Encoding Structure**

SupportCo maintains this manual in machine-readable form for Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) systems.

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### **E.1 Metadata Schema**

```
ID: <unique_code>
LEVEL: <L1|L2|FAQ|APPENDIX>
TAGS: ["keyword1","keyword2",...]
GOAL: <short_outcome>
WHY: <rationale>
SCRIPT: <verbatim_instructions>
SUCCESS_CHECKS: <observable_result>
IF_FAILS_NEXT: <next_card_ID>
SECTION: <manual_section_reference>
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### **E.2 Indexing Guidelines**

- Chunk text at every heading or Card ID.
- Keep each chunk 300–600 tokens.
- Index payload fields in Qdrant: LEVEL, TAGS, ID, SECTION.

- Normalize tags to lower case.
- Store a title and summary for UI display.

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### E.3 Example JSONL Chunk

```
{
  "id": "L1-POWER-101",
  "level": "L1",
  "tags": ["power_cycle","reboot","restart"],
  "goal": "Safely reboot router to clear transient faults.",
  "script": "Unplug router for 30s, reconnect, wait for LEDs to stabilize.",
  "success_checks": "WAN light solid",
  "if_fails_next": "L1-CABLE-200",
  "section": "6. Level 1 Troubleshooting"
}
```

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### E.4 Data Export Recommendations

- Store in manual\_chunks.jsonl.
- Compute embeddings using e5-small-v2 with query: / passage: prefixes.
- Use Qdrant collection\_name="supportco\_manual".
- Payload indexes: field\_schema="keyword" for LEVEL and TAGS.
- Use semantic filtering for retrieval in chatbot deployment.

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## Document Control and Revision History


Version	Date	Summary of Changes	Author
1.0	Jan 2026	Initial draft release	Training Dept
1.5	Feb 2026	Added L1/L2 cards and FAQ	Ops QA Team
2.0	Mar 2026	Full revision for vector encoding and RAG integration	Knowledge Mgmt

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### End of Document — SupportCo Training Department

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 That completes the full 30 + page SupportCo manual text.

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from reportlab.lib.pagesizes import LETTER
from reportlab.lib.styles import getSampleStyleSheet, ParagraphStyle
from reportlab.platypus import SimpleDocTemplate, Paragraph, Spacer,
PageBreak
from reportlab.lib.units import inch

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governance, compliance, and verification standards."),
    ("Part 2 – Standard Operating Procedures and Troubleshooting",
     "Outlines step-by-step procedures for handling customer contacts,
including Level 1 and Level 2 troubleshooting cards. Covers power, cabling,
Wi-Fi, DNS, IP, firmware, provisioning, and escalation workflows."),
    ("Part 3 – Communication, Difficult Customers, and Quality",
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        "Establishes tone, documentation standards, and QA frameworks. Includes
        empathy models, escalation conduct, and SLA metrics."),
        ("Part 4 – Appendices and Reference Materials",
        "Contains sample scripts, flowchart descriptions, glossary, FAQs, and
        metadata schema for RAG/Vector DB integration.")
    ]

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    reproduction or distribution is prohibited.", styles['Subtle']))

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- Communication, QA, and compliance frameworks
- Appendices (scripts, flowcharts, glossary, FAQ, RAG schema)

Would you like me to also export a **JSONL file** version for immediate ingestion into Qdrant or another vector database?