

## Follow-up Questions

Follow up questions are allowed in the following circumstances:

## 1) Clarification

- When to use: Participant uses an unclear or vague term; provides a short or generalized answer or when there are multiple possible interpretations of an answer.
- Allowable Questions:
  - You mentioned [term or phrase]. Can you help me understand that better?
  - How do you define [term or phrase]?
  - Could you give me an example of what '[unclear term]' looks like in practice?
  - Is/was there any other person/people involved in this process?
  - Could you clarify if you're referring to [specific context A] or [specific context B]?

## 2) Quantity

- When to use: To understand the scale of a problem/program.
- Allowable Questions:
  - How often do you encounter this specific issue?
  - How long did it take you to complete the whole process?
  - On average, how many [items/people/incidents] are involved each time this occurs?
  - Over the course of a [day/week/month/year], how many times do you find yourself dealing with this?
  - Is this something that affects your entire team, a specific subgroup, or just you?



## 3) Variation

- When to use: After participant provides specific examples of scenarios, pain points, or processes that 'failed.'
- Allowable Questions:
  - What could you have done differently to ensure continued success?
  - What early warning signs did you miss that, in hindsight, could have helped you prevent this outcome?
  - What's the most significant lesson you took away from this experience, and how has it influenced your approach to similar situations since?
  - What resources or information, if you had them earlier, do you think would have made a difference in avoiding this situation?

