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BPSS is a baseline check - the minimum standard for access to HMG assets. Security clearance (CTC, SC, DV) is a higher-level vetting process requiring detailed personal history, financial and sometimes psychological assessment. BPSS is a prerequisite for most formal clearances.