# Business Glossary Sample Terms Guidebook

A business glossary is a centralized repository of business terms, definitions, calculation rules, and term owners that establishes a common language within and across agencies. For state agencies, which often operate complex systems with interdepartmental dependencies and serve diverse stakeholder groups, a well-maintained business glossary is essential for ensuring data consistency, improving communication, and supporting data-driven decision-making.

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## Glossary Terms:

### Benefits Eligibility Determination

* **Business Definition**
	+ A formal assessment of an individual's or family's qualification for public assistance programs based on established criteria
* **Usage Context**
	+ Benefits administration, application processing, program enrollment
* **Calculation Rules**
	+ Factors Assessed:
		- Household income
		- Family size and composition
		- Resources/assets
		- Citizenship/residency status
	+ Compared against program thresholds.
	+ Recertified at specified intervals (typically 3-12 months)
	+ May include categorical eligibility provisions
* **Related Terms**
	+ Income Verification, Household Composition, Program Enrollment, Benefit Calculation
* **Owner**
	+ Benefits Program Director

### Case Service Plan

* **Business Definition**
	+ Formal documented strategy outlining client goals, required services, and intervention approach
* **Usage Context**
	+ Case management, service delivery, progress monitoring
* **Calculation Rules**
* Updated minimum every 90 days
* Requires client participation in development
* Must include:
	+ Measurable goals
	+ Specific action steps
	+ Timeline for completion
	+ Success metrics
* Mandates supervisory approval
* **Related Terms**
	+ Treatment Plan, Client Goals, Service Coordination, Progress Assessment
* **Owner**
	+ Family Services Director

### Incident Response Time

* **Business Definition**
	+ The duration between initial call receipt and officer arrival at incident scene
* **Usage Context**
	+ Performance metrics, resource allocation, service level reporting
* **Calculation Rules**
* Start time: Dispatcher receives and logs initial call
* End time: First officer arrival on scene
* Measured in minutes and seconds
* Excludes cancelled calls
* Categorized by priority level (1-4)
* **Related Terms**
	+ Dispatch time, travel time, service coverage, response priority
* **Owner**
	+ VSP Operations Division

### Criminal Investigation Case

* **Business Definition**
	+ A documented inquiry into potential criminal activity requiring formal investigation procedures
* **Usage Context**
	+ Case management, resource allocation, crime statistics
* **Calculation Rules**
	+ Opened upon determination of credible criminal allegation
	+ Assigned priority level (1-5)
	+ Status classifications:
* Open
* Active
* Suspended
* Closed
	+ Closed only with supervisory approval
* **Related Terms**
	+ Case File, Evidence Tracking, Investigation Protocol, Case Resolution
* **Owner**
	+ VSP Criminal Investigation Division

### Available Bed Capacity

* **Business Definition**
	+ Number of beds currently available for new admissions in a facility
* **Usage Context**
	+ Admission planning, resource management, facility operations
* **Calculation Rules**
* Licensed beds minus occupied beds
* Minus beds held for pending admissions
	+ Minus beds offline for maintenance
* **Related Terms**
	+ Bed Census, Occupancy Rate, Admission Capacity
* **Owner**
	+ Facility Operations Director