



Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service Handbook (OSCS) are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Chickpea standards.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook.

Field History: To be eligible to produce Foundation class of seed, field must not have been planted to or have grown a crop of Chickpeas for three years, and two years for Registered and Certified classes, unless the previous crop passed certification field requirements of the same or higher generation. Chickpeas must be planted in distinct rows. The Seed Certification Office must approve exceptions prior to planting.

Field Inspections: Each field intended for certification must be inspected two times during the harvest year, one of which must be at the late-pod stage. The presence of Ascochyta Blight in a field will be cause for rejection. Any condition which prevents adequate inspection may be cause for rejection.

Isolation: Each variety must be separated by a three foot strip from another variety unless a specific variety requires additional isolation distance.

Field Standards:

Factor	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Other varieties	None	0.05%	0.10%
Other crop, inseparable No Austrian pea or rye permitted	None	0.01%	0.05%
Ascochyta Blight (<i>Ascochyta rabiei</i>)	None	None	None
Noxious weeds (must be controlled)	None	None	None

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size -- 11/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crop, maximum	None	None	0.10%
Other varieties, maximum	0.01%	0.05%	0.10%
Total other crop including other varieties, maximum	0.01%	0.05%	0.20%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ¹ , maximum	None	None	0.25%
Germination, minimum	85%	85%	85%

Certified blue tag seed should be well screened and graded in color and otherwise of good appearance.

¹None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook, nor any St. Johnswort, Sheep sorrel, Docks, Bedstraw, Wild oat, Vetch, Austrian pea, or Rye allowed in any class of seed.